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@7:00PM (#243 888 8339)***

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our last meeting. By my count we had 11 SFBA members and no guests this evening. Not bad considering Summer vacations were winding down.

I had lots of trouble generating the last newsletter. I was doing nothing unusual but the final .PDF file came out at 20 MB. This was way too large for me to email. Even printing paper copies took forever. In order to get the newsletter distributed, I tried uploading the file to my Google Drive account and sending everyone the link to access it, but this was not successful. As a last resort I re-sized all of the images to make them smaller and re-assembled the newsletter. I finally got the size down below 10 MB which I could send out. But if you had any trouble receiving the newsletter, please let me know. I need to come up with a better solution.

I received an email from Jim Long of Moto Visions saying his company provides storage space for Collector cars in San Ramon. For those that don't have enough garage space at home and yet don't want to go the full Napa Vault route, this might be a reasonable alternative. See the email on page 6.

Carl Kelsen sent me a copy of an article he wrote for Restored Cars (the Australian equivalent to our Hemmings) about the restoration and RHD conversion of a 1960 Chevy Nomad Wagon by a friend of his.



On The Cover: Bruce ran into some unused Hands Aluminum Wheels he thought would look perfect on his '65 Turbo Corvair that he has been restoring for the last few years. With the wheels he felt he just had to have Redline tires!

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These were high-end luxury cars in Australia. This beautifully restored car is correct down to the last detail. The article is expected to be published early next year.

Remember, if you work on your Corvair (even if it's only to change
(see *Letter...* on page 11)

Minutes of the Last Meeting

September 3, 2026

Josh got the regular meeting started around 6:48 a bit early to get some news out of the way. When the room was opened, Josh, Buck, Peter, Ray, and I were quickly joined by Herb, Chris, Christy, Carl, Scott, Lane, and Don I hope I included everyone. Josh would have to bug out early as he was extremely tired.

Treasury Report: The bank balance as reported in the last newsletter stood at \$3300.88 after expenses were paid.

Membership: Josh did not report any new members this month

Old Business: The time is running out for us to have a Napa Vault event this year. If this happens, a special email will be sent to everybody with time and date as there won't be sufficient time to wait for the next newsletter. I know Josh and Bruce have been working on this but other things have got in the way.

New Business: Josh mentioned that the company he works for is moving from Napa to Fairfield. Right now, the move is taking up a lot of his time. In the end he is hoping for an easier commute and the company will have a lot more space.

Lane said he could not find a link to the Newsletters on the Club's web site. He is using a Mac, but others said the same thing. There used to be a link to past newsletters, but it has disappeared. Clark said he will contact Josh to see

what happened as Josh has been working on the web site for a while.

Clark asked if anyone present had trouble receiving the last Newsletter? No one said they did, but he had a lot of problems generating the .PDF file this month. There was nothing unusual but following the same process he had used for 30+ yrs, the final file came out at a whopping 20 MB! This is much too large for him to send via email. It should be about 1 MB. Clark said he had to go back and re-size all of the images and finally got the size down to below 10 MB which, at least, he could send. Let Clark know if you have trouble receiving the Newsletter.

Don't forget there is a Corsa election coming up and there is a seat for Western Director that is open. Josh will not be running this year. If you are interested in driving CORSA, consider running for this open seat Regardless, don't forget to vote.

Phil's '66 Corsa: Don has set up another Work Day for Saturday, September 26th at his place in Antioch. Hopefully we will get a better turn-out (only Ray showed up last time). We still have some minor things to attend to.

Events: The Fan Belt Toss is coming up rapidly. This will be at the same hotel as last year. Everybody raved at how nice that was!

Tech: Carl noticed that the meeting was getting off on a tangent with at-

tendees talking about how new cars and other items are not repairable these days. He got us back on track with a Corvair question (thanks!). He has his engine back in his car and noticed that the clearance between the exhaust pipe and the body is minimal. Maybe $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ". He asked if that was enough? Herb and Lane both thought that should be enough. The engine doesn't move that much. Herb said on his '64 there is about $\frac{3}{8}$ " clearance and he has never seen or heard it touch. Christy asked if Carl had 13" wheels on his Corvair and, if so, did he have trouble getting tires? Carl said yes he did but these tires are plentiful in Australia. In years past Holden sold many cars with 13" wheels and baby boomers are no restoring these so there is lots of demand for 13" tires. There are several specialty companies that produce these tires for the Australian market.

Carl said he now has his Qantas tickets for his trip to next year's Convention in Tennessee. He plans on being here for about 7 weeks and will likely spend some time (maybe a week) in California. So don't be surprised if he knocks on our door!

Clark asked a question regarding the rear grill on his '64 coupe. The bottom left and right each have a couple of holes that look like they should mount to something. But, in his car there is nothing in this area to mount to.



(See *Minutes..* on page 8)

Coming Events in 2026...

Sept 26th	Work Day #6 at Don's house. 1520 St. Claire Dr, Antioch, CA 10:00 AM.
Oct 1st	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Oct 23-25th	Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet, at the Double Tree by Hilton Golf Resort
Nov 5th	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Dec 3rd	Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "243 888 8339"
Dec 5th/12th	SFBA Holiday Dinner. Time, date, and place to be determined.

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The '65 Turbo Gets New Wheels

A few weeks ago one of our members mentioned he had a set of Hands Wheels for a late model Corvair. He stated they were never mounted and would part with them for the right car. What I love about our hobby and club is the people - and of course the club. The wheels were better than expected and

exceeded my expectations. When I saw the wheels I knew I needed redlines. Here they are on my recently restored 1965 LA Factory Turbo. Many of you helped me get this one owner car to this state. So I thank you all for that. Many thanks to the seller of the Hands Wheels for trusting me to do the right thing with them. I hope you enjoy a bottle of our favorite wine as you look at the pictures!!!



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Hello,

My name is Jim Long, CEO of MOTO Visions in San Ramon. We're opening a limited number of indoor vehicle-storage spaces in one of our buildings, and I thought this might interest your members and fellow car enthusiasts. MOTO Visions specializes in custom, classic, performance, and specialty vehicles. We're offering indoor storage for collector, classic, exotic, performance, and specialty vehicles at \$350 per month per vehicle.

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Space is limited as we begin the program, and I'd be happy to arrange a facility tour for anyone interested. Thank you,

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SFBA Web Site Tech Topics This Month

Date Posted	Subject
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Sep 17, 2026	Upcoming Weekend Events
Sep 16, 2026	GWFBT Raffle Prizes
Sep 14, 2026	From The Corvair Historical Society: Rare Winter Rally Brochure
Sep 11, 2026	Upcoming Weekend Events
Sep 10, 2026	Sept 2026 Spyder Web Newsletter
Sep 7, 2026	From the Corvair Historical Society... Virtual Willow Run Tour
Aug 31, 2026	A Yenko Mechanic Shares Tales From Inside The Shop
Aug 28, 2026	Upcoming Weekend Events
Aug 26, 2026	Tech Tip ~ The Corvair Steering System – Steering Box to Steering Arms

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Minutes...

Does anybody know what these holes are for? Herb said they may be drainage holes, but Buck said they may be just convenience holes used in the assembly process. Neither Ray nor Herb, who both have '64s, knew of any mounting bracket in this area. Clark asked about '64 Corvair colors. How many Reds were offered. Ray said there were two. A Palamar Red, which is darker, and Ember Red which Ray has. Clark is trying to decide which color to have his Corvair painted. The original Red or the Blue he used when he repainted it many years ago. Clark also asked about sources for replacement chrome pieces. Many pieces (headlight bezels, wheel trim, etc.) show their age and need to be replaced. He wants good, but not perfect, pieces. Don suggested Steve Morton in Idaho might be a source. Clark will reach out and see. Carl said he prefers reproduced parts as good, used parts are often just as expensive. Lane said there is a place in Oakland that restores chrome pieces. Not cheap but sometimes you have no choice.

Peter said he now has his Corvair back on the road with Mel's help. After 200 miles it's running like a top. New paint is a ways off right now.

Herb said years ago when he was commuting in his Corvair, he would on occasion have to park outside in the rain. When he would go to return home there might be 1/4" of water on the floors. It leaked that bad! A while back Herb went to Good Guys in Pleasanton. Lots of cars but only one Corvair. A Blue Rampside which was for sale. But there was no one around, just a phone number. Scott said this was on Facebook listed at \$14k. Christy said

the Good Guys seem to focus on muscle cars. Herb said he prefers the Good Guys in Turlock as they have a better assortment of cars. Not just beauty queens with a \$20k paint job.

Lane said he is progressing with his move to Idaho. He has a set of spoked hubcaps (14"?) that someone can have. He doesn't want to move them. He also has a stock 140 air cleaner setup he wants to get rid of. Lane said on his last haul to Idaho, as he was going through Reno his truck's computer went out. A local dealer now has it fixed and he has to go up there and retrieve it. He will bring everything home and make another try a bit later. Don said to not wait too long as we are running out of Summer.

Buck said he was at a gas station with his Corvair and someone said, "Is that a Corsair?". Buck said no, that's an airplane. "Does it have an airplane mo-

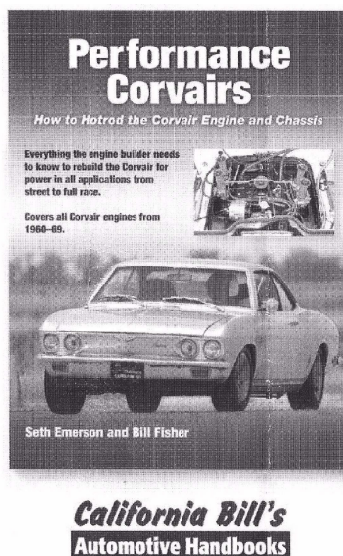
tor? No, but some have put the motor in airplanes. "Can I see it? Sure he said and walks to the back and opens the engine compartment. "Oh, it's back there?" he said. Boy, Buck said he felt old! Herb said now days you can say it's most anything, like "It's Italian" and people just don't know.

Swap & Sell: Lane said on Bring A Trailer there was a nice Crown Conversion V-8 Corvair for sale.

Meeting adjourned about 8:13 PM.

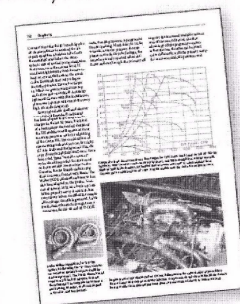
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Clark Calkins, secretary



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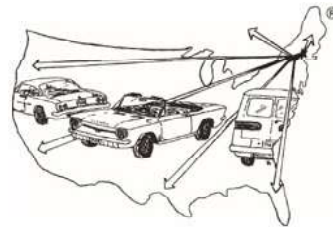
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Late model Convertible, preferably a turbo. Must be driveable and in showable condition. Contact John Muhlner via email at jbmuhlner@earthlink.net. St. Helena area. (05/25)

Letter...

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, Oct 1st 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. If the link does not work (as has happened in the past), you can go to "https://www.zoom.com", click on "Meet" and then "Join a Meeting". Enter our permanent meeting number (above).

Treasurers Report - Buck Jones

September 2026

Date	Activity	Check #	Credit	Debit	Balance	Status
09/01/2026	Beginning Balance				\$3,170.11	
08/26/2026	Sep newsletter (stamps)			(12.41)	3,157.11	**
09/30/2026	Ending Balance			(\$12.41)	\$3,157.70	

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