



CORVAIR BUDDIES

May Car Council Report

Robert Gold

THIS MONTH'S MEETING was a bit special. Only a few times a year do we change the traditional day and time for a Council meeting and this was one of those days. We moved the day up a week and started one and a half hours earlier so we could stuff baggies for the May 20, Museum Car Show. This is one of the more popular meetings, since we got a chance to talk a lot with other car folks and better yet, we got fed pizza after we were done.

Obviously, we didn't do much traditional meeting business so I don't have much to say about that.

Joe Ballengee, the Treasurer, said we have lots of money and haven't earned a penny on our two CDs. By the way, Joe helped one of our newest members, David Allin, buy a Corvair. Joe and David went down to our Corvair Mecca in Los Lunas and David bought a 1966 Corvair from Pat Hall. We're looking forward to seeing David in his new ride.... maybe at the Museum Show? We'll see.

There's not much more to report about the business meeting. We talked a bit about upcoming shows, which are listed on the website, nmcarcouncil.com. The big discussion was about the Albuquerque Museum Car Show. Joyce renewed her plea for volunteers. So far Art Gold will

be counting ballots and I'll be parking cars. Contact me if you want to help out.

I want to also note that your Vice President Lube and my son Art were there to help stuff those bags. I gave out bags to the folks and Art filed the bags when they were stuffed. We were sorta like bookends to the line or workers. The stuffing was over in no time and the pizza was great.

With that the meeting broke up and I went home to take a nap... yawn! I hope to see you at the Albuquerque Museum Car Show on May 20th. We will meet across the street from that big hotel in Old Town and we will drive in at 7:00. Be there!

-- Robert Gold

TECH TOPICS

FUSE BOX REPLACEMENT

Lube Lubert

A FRIEND OF MINE made a replacement fuse holder using a small wooden box. He used eight heavy duty ATO inline fuse holders. He installed the new fuse box in his 1970 Ford E-300 Econoline Motor Home, in the cab of the truck. It uses modern bladed plugin plastic fuses.

I asked my friend Cannie Kilmer to make one of these for my 1963 Corvair 4-door sedan. He sealed the top side with clear epoxy and the back side with black sealant. Seven heavy duty ATO inline fuse holders were installed with the wires coming out the back side. I extended the bottom side with a 3/4" x 3/4" piece of wood. I used wood screws on the small piece of wood and on the Barrier Strip on both sides. I used a metal plumbers strap to mount the new fuse box to the center underside of the trunk shelf. I used self-tapping screws to hold up the new wooden

fuse box. I installed two pieces of vacuum hose on the sharp ends of the self-tapping screws. I may replace them with bolts with nylocks.

I purchased two barrier strips, 6-position, Grote #82-2334 to install in the box. I purchased seven heavy duty ATO inline fuse holders, Grote #82-2211. The last one is not being used at this time. I purchased six Grote #83-2504 ring terminals for the larger wires and used Grote #83-2505 ring terminals for smaller wires.

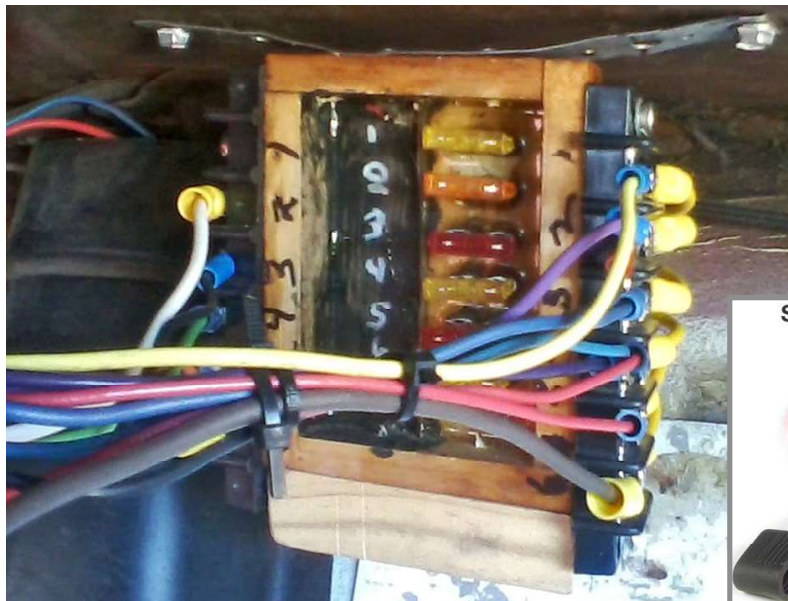
I made a 14-gauge purple wire for a jumper wire with ring terminals. You can use a heavier gauge wire if you like to. I will do

that next time. I used the 14-gauge purple wire from the wiper fuse down to the radio fuse, down to the heater fuse and down to the turn signals. I studied the old plastic fuse holder for wire positions. I tried to get 14-gauge wires the same colors as the original ones from the original plastic fuse box. I bumped up the fuse on the radio from 5 amps to 10 amps so I could connect my electric fuel pump to the radio fuse.

When installed, I hooked up the negative battery post to try out all my connections to the new fuse box. I saved the old glass fuses to give to another Corvair owner.

Web sites:

www.littlefuse.com
www.grote.com
www.velvac.com
www.napa.com



Standard Blade Fuse Holder
Grote 82-2209



\$1.79