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SFBA 2015 Holiday Dinner

Next Meeting, Jan 7th

**7:00PM - Black Bear Diner, Hwy 680
@Sycamore Valley Rd in Danville
(the old Denny's)**

Letter From the Editor

I hope you were able to attend our Holiday Dinner. We had a light turn out of twelve people. Notably absent due to medical issues were Fred and Marlene and Harry and Carol. Also Seth was attending a Performance Racing Industry trade show in Indianapolis so he and Barbara didn't come. Weather might also have been a factor. It looked iffy but was actually okay. All in all we had a decent attendance and a very good time.

This month Harry's actually had the front section properly reserved for us (and they even spelled "Corvair" correctly on one of the signs!). When I arrived about 6:30 there was a birthday in progress taking over the front section. Thinking the worst I spoke with the manager and she assured me that the party knew we were scheduled for 7:00. And sure enough they were finished on time.

We rearranged the tables so our cake would have a prominent spot!



Harry's was rather busy this evening so people decided to get in line early. In years past we sat and talked a while before jumping in line. No difference. Now there would be time afterwards.

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Steve and Heather, who we haven't seen in a few months, were able to attend this evening. As you may recall they are restoring a '65 Corsa coupe ("Field Find") they picked up from Skip. And it's com-

(see **Letter...** on page 3)

On The Cover: Our annual Holiday Dinner at Harry's Hofbrau. Our usual back section was not available so we met in the front. We had a good time none the less!

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Letter...

ing along very nicely. Lately Steve, who is a metal worker, has been fabricating a "TinTail" (Yenko Rear Spoiler) for the Corsa. Obtaining the necessary measurements with Seth's help, he has developed plans which he gives away. For those who want the parts already cut and formed from sheet metal (but not welded) he is offering these sets for \$90. For \$60 they come cut but not formed. After posting this on the Corvair Forum, he is been busy filling orders! See pictures and more info on page 5-6.

Steve mentioned that when he was painting his car in the driveway, he got a visit from the City (or County?) Inspector. Apparently someone from the HOA called about his painting. Anyway because he was using a spray can, the Inspector said "that's just fine". Had he been using a spray gun instead, a separate ventilated booth would be required (which is way too much work). The Inspector also looked at the car and said "nice job by the way!"

I received the following note from Skip Polacchi, a long time SFBA member.

"Hello Clark & Carol, Thanks for making the changes on my ads and I need some items deleted & added again. I'll include an old ad & make the changes so you can re-post. The pile of parts are getting smaller and it's safer and easier to walk into the garage.

Finally winter has arrived and the ground is wet with a good beginning snow pack at 5-6 thousand and above. Our burn ban has been lifted so we can brush back clearance to our structures. Cal fire requires 100' but its good to widen it more.

Our vacation trip to Palm Springs was fun & successful. The Inland Corvair Club did a great job organizing the event. We arrived on Thursday afternoon so to attend the

evening Palm Springs street fair. The Car Show & Swap Meet was well attended but we could always use more buyers. I saw Seth, Mell, Paul & Marybell, Hal & Linda and Ken Lawyer. Ken did not bring his award winning blue '64 turbo conv. Hope you & Carol can attend the event sometime as there is plenty to see & places to explore.

Best wishes for all during the Holidays and New Year. Skip & Thelma"

Also now is the time that dues are due for most of us. Check your mailing label. If you receive the newsletter via email, then assume you are due January 1st. The Club dues are \$25 (\$30 if you are not already a CORSA member – this may change in the future as CORSA changes its policy). Please send your checks to Harry Kypreos (address on page 2) to expedite the processing (I only check our PO Box every 3 or 4 weeks).

I have some updates on Fred and Carol. Marlene said that Fred was recovering from his broken hip and is currently at Stonebrook on Concord

Blvd in Concord undergoing re-hab. He is now able to at least put some weight on it but still has difficulty transitioning from laying down to sitting to standing. Progress will be slow but steady.

And I received this note from Harry:

"Hi Clark. Carol is doing better. Recovering from the surgery back in early November. She is going to go forward with chemo starting in January. We meet with the oncologist on January 8th to finalize the schedule and begin treatment. Chemo is a 12 month process. We are optimistic about her prognosis and the outcome of her treatment. Thank you for asking. Merry Christmas to you and your family."

Harry's SFBA duties have been put on hold for the time being as he attends to Carol's needs.

We wish them both the best in their recoveries!

(see [Letter...](#) on page 10)

Treasurers Report – December 2015^(*) Paul Lacey

	Checking Acct.	Cash/Checks
Beginning Balance	\$2972.15	\$00.00
Income		
Renewals	\$50.00	
Expenses		
Newsletter (Dec)	\$44.40	
Ending Balance	\$2977.75	\$00.00

(*) This is an estimate, Paul was unable to attend the Holiday Dinner so there may be other renewals and/or expenses I am not aware of. - Clark

Coming Events...

January 7th	Regular SFBA meeting, Black Bear Diner, 807 Camino Ramon, Danville,CA (Hwy 680 at Sycamore Valley Rd). This use to be Denny's.
Febuary 4th	Regular SFBA meeting, Location to be determined.
April 22-24th	Corvair Spring Fling, Sutter Creek, CA.
June 24-25th	VairFest 2016, Arroyo Grande, CA

SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2016 (tentative)

Thursday Jan 7, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA - Hwy 680 at Sycamore Valley Rd (this is the old Denny's where we used to meet)

Thursday Feb 4, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, location to be determined.

Thursday Mar 3, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, location to be determined.

Thursday Apr 7, 7:00 PM SFBA 43rd Anniversary Dinner. location to be determined..

Thursday May 5, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, location to be determined.

Thursday Jun 2, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, location to be determined.

Thursday Jul 7, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, location to be determined.

Saturday Aug 6, 12:00PM SFBA/Valley Club Picnic at Quarry Lakes park, Fremont, CA

Thursday Sep 1, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, location to be determined.

Thursday Oct 6, 10:00 AM SFBA Regular meeting, location to be determined.

Thursday Nov 3, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, location to be determined..

Saturday Dec 1, 7:00 PM SFBA Holiday Dinner, Harry's Hofbrau, 14900 E. 14th St, San Leandro, CA.

Steve's "Field Find" and Tin-Tail Project



Parts laid out for painting. Awful good job for a spray can!



Rear deck painted. Dents won't matter as they will be covered by the Tin Tail spoiler.



Tin Tail parts being cut out. Done in several pieces because Steve's break not large enough.



End piece bent into shape. Ready for welding and finishing.



End piece after welding. Needs to be ground to shape and filled. Notice how well the piece came out.

Final assembly after welding, grinding & filling. Body putty was used to get a final smooth shape. This has been sanded and is ready for priming and painting.





Tin Tail primed, installed and puttied. Ready for final sanding and paint.



Finished Tin Tail. Great looking job! No wonder so many people are interested in this.



Here striping has been added. Nice touch..



Another rear view showing how well everything fits.



Here's an interesting front view.



Lastly a view with glass installed. What a wonderful project!

I wanted to mention that I finished the development of my "TinTail" (Yenko Rear Spoiler) I intended this to be a "payback" by offering the idea and plans for free, but I have received so many requests that I am now selling them "cut" or cut and formed" for \$60 and \$90 respectively. (I DO NOT offer them welded up)

I included a couple pics of it on the car, but here is the website that I made for it.

<http://www.crimsonforge.com/Corvair/TinTail/index.html>

CORVAIR SPRING FLING

April 22 - 24, 2016 - Sutter Creek, CA



2016 VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-register before April 1, 2016

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Your Name (How you would like it to appear in the program) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

TYPE OF CORVAIR

Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Class Requested _____

Your Corvair Story _____

(Please attach an additional sheet to continue your Corvair's story!)

	Quantity	Pre-Registration	Registration after March 31, 2016	Amount
Car Show Entry		\$30.00	\$35.00	
Spring Fling Ball Cap <small>NOTE: 1 cap included with car show entry. Additional Caps are \$10 each. (Leave "Quantity" blank if you'd like only one Spring Fling Ball Cap.)</small>		\$10.00	\$15.00	
Spring Fling T-Shirt	 M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____	\$15.00	\$20.00	
Old Fashion Spaghetti Dinner <small>Friday, April 22, 2016 @ 6:00 PM</small>		\$10.00	\$10.00	
Car Show Pancake Breakfast <small>Saturday, April 23, 2016 @ 8:00 AM</small>		\$7.00	\$7.00	
Awards Banquet Dinner <small>Saturday, April 23, 2016 @ 6:00 PM</small>	Tri-Tip _____ Chicken _____ Vegan _____	\$30.00	\$35.00	
Outdoor Swap Meet Space <small>Size is one, standard parking place. Additional contiguous spots are available.</small>		\$15.00	\$20.00	

Total enclosed

Make check payable to "CCRC" & mail to: Corvair Spring Fling, 5554 Ridgepoint Dr., Antelope, CA 95843

Release of Liability

Signature of Corvair Owner _____ Date _____

VairFest 2016



June 24-25

You are cordially invited to Central Coast CORSA's annual VairFest....."Celebrating Engineering Excellence". Once again the event will take place at Heritage Park in Arroyo Grande, CA (on the Coast along Hwy 101 halfway between S.F. and L.A.), with a full slate of activities and fun events.

Friday evening spaghetti feed at Masonic Hall features; home made spaghetti dinner with salad, garlic bread, choice of meat and veggie sauces, soft drinks, water, iced tea, 2 Buck Chuck wines, ice cream dessert, Big Screen movie with popcorn and snacks!

Saturday people's choice car show at Heritage Park features; raffles, swap spaces, and car show awards! Saturday evening is a trek to the Great American Melodrama where we have reserved upfront tables for their performance of a classic Melodrama and a Vaudville Revue! In addition, the park is located adjacent to Old Town Arroyo Grande which features a great walking and shopping experience at your leisure.

Sunday is an informal gathering at the park for a short walk to the Village Café for breakfast before most folks hit the road for another fun filled Hot Air ride home with your Corvair!

For more information contact Mike Thomas at 805-549-8050 or vairfest@centralcoastcorsa.com

Watch www.centralcoastcorsa.org for updated information



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Lunch

Bob's Big Bear Burger - 1.50
A delicious burger with your choice of meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, ketchup, mustard, and a special sauce. Served with a side of fries or a baked potato. *Add 0.50 for a large drink.

Specialty Bear Burgers - 2.50
A delicious burger with your choice of meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, ketchup, mustard, and a special sauce. Served with a side of fries or a baked potato. *Add 0.50 for a large drink.

ed Basket Combos - 4.50
A delicious burger with your choice of meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, ketchup, mustard, and a special sauce. Served with a side of fries or a baked potato. *Add 0.50 for a large drink.

Dinner

Classic Comfort Food - 1.50
A delicious burger with your choice of meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, ketchup, mustard, and a special sauce. Served with a side of fries or a baked potato. *Add 0.50 for a large drink.

Homestyle Dinners - 2.50
A delicious burger with your choice of meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, ketchup, mustard, and a special sauce. Served with a side of fries or a baked potato. *Add 0.50 for a large drink.

Steaks & Ribs - 3.50
A delicious burger with your choice of meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, ketchup, mustard, and a special sauce. Served with a side of fries or a baked potato. *Add 0.50 for a large drink.

Desserts

Apple Pie - 1.50
A delicious apple pie with a special sauce. Served with a side of fries or a baked potato. *Add 0.50 for a large drink.

Ice Cream - 1.50
A delicious ice cream with a special sauce. Served with a side of fries or a baked potato. *Add 0.50 for a large drink.

Chocolate Cake - 1.50
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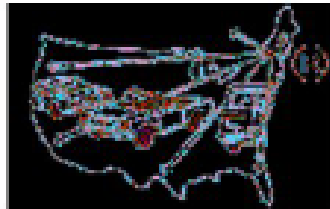
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Classifieds...

on her ranch. Runs excellent. Had recent carb rebuild. Original Ermine White paint on hood & decklid need repainting (from bad storage in a barn) & LF fender has mild dent. Gray interior is original, fabric OK but needs vinyl on top of front seat replaced & new kick panels. Make reasonable offer. Car is in Los Gatos. Call Ted at 408-204-6447 or email Dave Newell for pictures at chevrobilia@yahoo.com (01/15)

2) Vallejo wrecking yard dating back to the 1960s still has many Corvairs, all for sale complete or will sell parts: Half dozen 65-66 Coupes; 1 late 4dr; 2 vans/Greenbriers; several 64 coupes;

2 1960s; 3 early convertibles; 5 or 6 early coupes (one is a Spyder); blue Lakewood that ran when it came in; 1 rough wagon; plus engines, transaxles, turbo & carb. All undisturbed for 30+ years. Yard isn't normally open...call Charles Baker, 707-642-9903 (01/15)

Letter...

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, January 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Black Bear Diner in Danville which has just re-opened (they took over the old Denny's). They have the same separate room that Denny's had although the main restaurant has been drastically remodeled. We are scheduled for the back room which I am sure we will be sharing with other folks. I told the manager we would be about 10 people so I am hoping for a quiet corner of the room. If we have a good turnout I am sure we will be invited back. We will see how this works out. In any case the food should be good!

Corvair Classifieds

CORVAIR PARTS WANTED

12 Plate Oil Cooler for for my 140 HP engine. I believe it would have to come from a Spyder or Air Conditioned engine. Contact Rob Massari (email RobM@NapaJetCenter.com) or cell (707)480-9079. (11/15)

CORVAIR CARS WANTED

Late model coupe, super straight, Monza or Corsa preferred. Evening Orchid would be best. Bruce Mooers, Napa aerea. (707)967-9600 - (12/15)

CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE (not local)

Skip Polacchi has the following parts for sale. Parts are located in Red Bluff & Santa Rosa. Best to call evenings (530)474-4227. Besides these listed parts Skip also has many more engine parts, heads, cams, cranks, posi, turbo. All new or rebuilt.

F/C Turned brake drums (2) - \$20

F/C Hub caps (4) - \$20

F/C Front door NOS L&R lock latch - \$30

Spyder Front dash harness to fuse box for F/C - \$25

Spyder Dashe - has wooden face - \$75

Corsa Communiqués + Quarterlies, 1970 - 2000 - \$150

New Tires 205 75R14 on rims for F/C (2) - \$75

1964 Wood wheels with hubs, horn & contacts. - (2) at \$300 each, (1) at \$200

1964 Rear Air Grill (NOS) \$150

1964 Read Air Grill, very good. \$75

1963-1964 Rear Axles with good bearings. \$55 each

1964 Turbo Carb Kit, NOS major kit. \$65

1964 Rear Differential, rebuilt with 3:27 gears 4 spider, double snout. \$375

Early Bumper Guards, Reconditioned 4 complete sets. \$180 per set

Early Bumper Guards, used - very good, 4 complete sets. \$100-\$120 per set.

1964 Spyder Dash, excellent face, all guages working, senior class. \$225

Dave Newell contributed these two Corvairs for sale

Here are a couple more that people have called me about. I think the '61 sedan's mileage is correct, though the car's had some bad storage and was subject to a lot of short trips, driven by the local reservation's Native Americans who helped out Ted's aunt on her ranch in San Jacinto. The delicate 700



seat fabric on the bottom cushion of the driver's seat isn't torn, which it surely would be if the mileage was 108600. A couple pics are attached.

The Vairs in the wrecking yard have been there for over 30 years and many aren't easily accessible but Charles said that the 65-66 coupes and sedan plus both vans can be gotten to easily.

1) 1961 700 Sedan: 8600 miles believed to be correct. Powerglide, Tinted Windshield, Manual Radio, Padded dash (cracked). Bought new in Long Beach by Ted's aunt and later used for errands

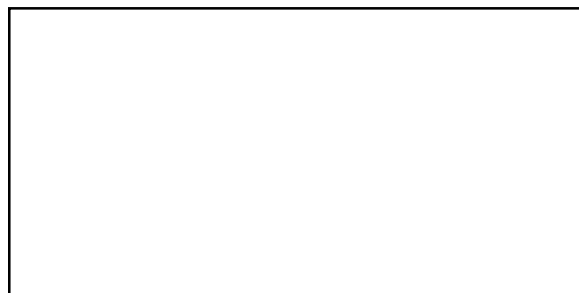
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