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***Bruce Mooers' Turbo  
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***Next SFBA Zoom Meeting Thursday,  
Oct 1<sup>st</sup> @7:00PM (#739 9815 7995)***

# Letter From the Editor

I hope everyone is doing well. Our last SFBA Corsa Zoom meeting was quite enjoyable. We had seven members and three guests in attendance. Josh records the meeting (a Zoom feature) which makes working up the minutes a whole lot easier. And if you missed the meeting, I can send you the .mp4 file (1+ GB) so you can play in back at your leisure. Let me know.

As mentioned before our Zoom meeting formats are a bit different than our in-person meetings were. We start off with a short Board meeting at 6:45 to go over the dry Club business. At 7:00 the meeting is opened up to all attendees where we go over important details from the Board meeting and then have an "open mike" for general discussions. One by one people talk about what they have been working on. This format seems to work very well.

This month Bruce Mooers has sent in some pictures of his restoration project, Marc's '65 Corsa Convertible. He has made good progress. See details on page 5.

As you can see the newsletter is getting thin these days. I really need pictures and stories of your projects to share. If you work on your Corvair, take many pictures and send them in. Eternal fame will be yours!

Our October meeting will once again be a "virtual meeting" via Zoom. The time and date are October 1, 2020 from 7:00PM. Note unlike our usual meetings the time listed is not flexible. If you sign in a bit late you will just join in the middle of the meeting. But that's ok, we love to have everybody join in when they can. And if you have to bug out early, that's ok too!

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**On The Cover:** Bruce has sent in some pictures of his latest project, restoring Marc's '65 Turbo Corsa convertible. I am sure this will come out beautiful as has his other projects.

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# Minutes of the Last Meeting

September 3, 2020

The Board meeting started at 6:45. We had Harry, Josh, and Clark present. We discussed bank account status, event planning (and cancellations), and membership. With the “dry” items out of the way, the Zoom meeting was opened up to everyone at 7:00. We were quickly joined by Eric, Greg, Don, Lane, Paul, and guests Jeff (Blackhawk), Terry Leake (from?) and Nettie (from L.A.) In all we had seven SFBA members and three guest.

**Treasury Report:** Harry reported that the bank balance stood at \$4042.45.

**Membership:** Josh reported that Buck renewed for 2 years. There are no new members but a couple of prospects on the horizon. Clark mentioned that the membership list is getting too long to fit on a single page and last month Herb Wimmer was inadvertently left off the list in the newsletter. Sorry Herb!

**Old Business:** Nothing mention.

**New Business:** Nothing mention.

**Events:** Our annual Holiday Dinner is still on the books (for now). Clark will stop by Frankie, Johnnie, & Luigi Too in early October to see if a dinner can be scheduled. It's too early right now to tell.

**Tech:** Don has been working on his newly acquired '65. He found a stripped spark plug hole and inserted a Heli-Coil. But it went in crooked (Clark's did mention that they were difficult to install). He called Skip while looking for a replacement head and Skip mentioned that he could use a Big-Cert to repair the head (Skip will loan him the tools). Don also found a stripped head bolt and will put in an insert for that too. When taking the engine apart he found one cylinder without a head gasket. Don asked if everyone used Premium gas or Regular. Most did use Premium

but some stuck with Regular. Josh said that he uses Marvel Mystery Oil. Adds a little bit with every tank full and has done so for years.

Paul talked about the '63 Spyder he picked in San Luis Obispo a few months ago. It had been garaged since '87. Prior owner kept extensive records. This was an original turbo with a 3-speed trans. Must be a rare option! He has rebuilt the front suspension, steering, and brakes. He used a '64 anti-sway bar and is considering installing '64 rear suspension as the car currently has a '64 4-speed trans. Josh said someone in Idaho had a leaf spring also Skip may have something and is a lot closer. Paul said the body was in good shape with the usual dents.

Paul asked about body shops in the area. Eric said in his area (Porterville) there are many shops that work on old cars with reasonable rates. Bruce Mooers, last month, mentioned a place in Napa that did very good work. Not cheap I am sure. Jeff has a '65 he picked up 4 years ago. Has minor carb issues.

Eric mentioned that you can use a 95 hp head on the driver's side as it's more robust than the '63 turbo head.

Greg said he has been working on his '61. He pulled the dash and replace speedometer and changed the bulbs to LEDs. He also straightened out the wiring while he was at it. He worked on the carbs and replaced the gaskets. He should have taken more pics before he started as it would have made reassembling the linkage a lot easier! He is also planning on installing a roof rack he has had for many years. He is trying to find the proper location so it looks “factory installed”.

Harry has an oil leak (actually more like drips). It seems to be coming from the oil

pan so he replace the gasket. Clark's sell several kinds, which is best? Most felt the rubber gasket was easier to install than cork. It was mentioned that after taking the pan off, flatten out the metal around the bolt holes as they can get warped from over tightening. Don said bring it to my shop and we can use the lift. Makes the job a lot easier. Maybe a Tech Session can be setup?

Lane had a crossover exhaust pipe installed. He took it to Downtown Muffler Services on Mission in Hayward. It sounds a whole lot better now! He is adding quick steering arms and will need an alignment when done. Don said he has the alignment stuff (Summit precision angle finder and turn-table plates). Sure sounds like a Tech Session to me!

Nettie has a '64 Greenbriar with a 140 engine. She is planning on upgrading the trans and adding Positraction. She has been going to a couple of informal car shows in her area (Orange County). She said that a recent car show in Huntington Beach drew 3000 – 4000 cars! A beautiful '65 Corsa came all the way from Ventura. There was a Lakewood in the parking lot and she talked with the owner who didn't know anything about Corvairs and gave him the names of local mechanics. Nettie asked if the Corvair Magnesium fan can be powder coated. Greg said he had his powder coated by Vern and it has lasted well. It has to be very clean.

Josh has noticed his '64 has been ping-pong lately (especially on hills). The timing may be off or the carbs are too lean. Lane said he had some 065 main jets which might help. Josh also mentioned that he has used Lucas Oil additive to prevent sticky valves. Not sure if help helped or not.

(see [Minutes...](#) on page 9)

# Coming Events...

- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "739 9816 7995"
- Oct 2-4<sup>th</sup> **Cancelled!** Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet, Sunrise Park, Palm Springs, CA. This revised date is still subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Regular SFBA meeting at 7:00PM via Zoom, ID = "739 9816 7995"
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> SFBA Holiday Dinner (date & location to be determined)

## *SFBA CORSA Meeting Schedule 2020*

- Thursday Jan 9, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
- Thursday Feb 6, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
- Thursday Mar 5, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Black Bear Diner in Danville, CA
- Thursday Apr 2, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular meeting, Canceled.
- Thursday May 7, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting
- Thursday Jun 4, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting
- Thursday Jul 2, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting
- Thursday Aug 6, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9815 7995"
- Thursday Sep 3, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9815 7995"
- Thursday Oct 1, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9815 7995"**
- Thursday Nov 5, 7:00 PM SFBA Regular Zoom meeting, ID = "739 9815 7995"
- Saturday Dec 5, 5:00 PM SFBA Holiday Dinner (date & location to be determined)

# Bruce Mooers' '65 Corsa Turbo Project Car

**B**ruce has sure done a lot of work on the engine and it shows. It turned out beautiful. I expect the insides look just as nice. The turbo and carb must be out being rebuilt or something. The rest of the pictures show the car being readied to take to the body shop for much needed repairs. The dents in the drivers side rear quarter panel will not be pounded out. The whole panel will be replaced. You can see the NOS panel Bruce obtained in Oregon in the back seat. I can't wait to see what this looks like when it returns from the body shop!

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### Treasurers Report - Harry Kypreos

September 2020

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09/14/2020	Membership Renewals		\$95.00		4,043.45	
09/17/2020	Zoom September			15.00	4,028.45	**
09/02/2020	Newsletter (September)			34.32	3,994.13	**
09/24/2020	Ending Balance				3,994.13	
<b>August Totals</b>			<b>\$95.00</b>	<b>\$49.32</b>	<b>\$3,994.13</b>	<b>(estimated)</b>

\*\* Expense not submitted yet. Bank balance is \$4043.45

# SFBA Corsa Club Merchandise

Josh has teamed SFBA Corsa up with Zazzle to offer a wide variety of Club themed merchandise. The Club nets

a small portion of the proceeds but doesn't have to order large quantities of these items. Zazzle takes care of

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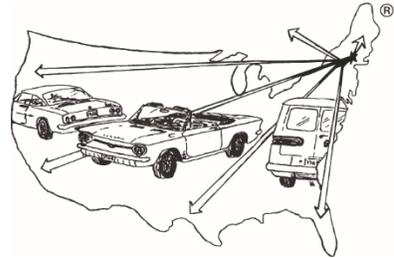
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'64 **Monza Coupe** 110/AT, engine rebuilt by Mell, good interior. Been kept in running condition Lassen county area (can deliver). Asking \$3000. Contact Dan McCormick (510)919-9527 (03/20)

## CORVAIR PARTS FOR SALE

'65-69 **Performance Upper Trans** crossmember bushings. Aluminum

## Minutes...

**Swap & Sell:** A friend of Josh is selling an 8-door Van. Solid body with a 95 hp engine. Originally was asking \$4000 but has dropped this to \$3000 (see Classifieds).

Lane is looking for lower shrouds for his 140. Josh will see what he has.

with high density inserts. Clark's #C2050P. Asking \$35 for the pair (that's half price). I'll ship. Contact Buck Jones (831)917-5952 (08/20)

**Skip Polacchi** has the following parts for sale. Best to call evenings (530)474-4227.

**1 Pair Custom rebuilt**, new seats, c'ced 180 Heads \$850

**1 Pair Late 110** rebuilt heads - \$250

**1 Pair Late 95** rebuilt heads \$225

**1 Pair Big valve, Bill Thomas**.all new parts, angle port exhaust, rotated manifold, w/mod carbs, linkage & Otto air filters - \$1700 firm

**1 New complete Clark's** Ultimate 140 carb kit, linkage & air filter - \$700

**1 Rebuilt Late 95** short block w/ new S.T.D. GM pistons + barrels, resized rods w/ heads - \$875 firm

**1 All New Parts** for an early 102 hp NOS crank, cam, 0.030 pistons &

barrels+heads, bearings etc. You assemble - \$725

**1 Excelant used Posi** for an early axle - \$250 firm

We still have other misc items

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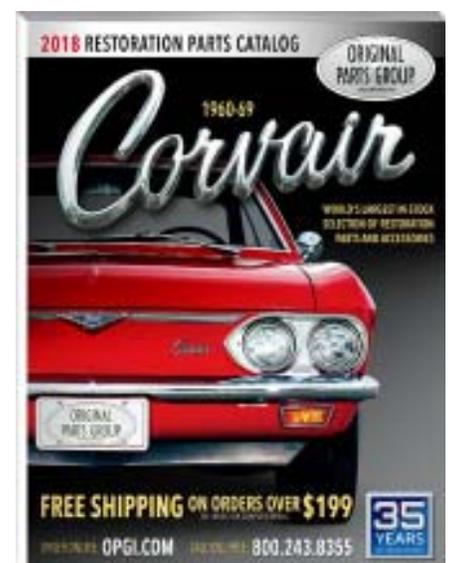
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**FC parts** in Cloverdale. Various parts. Contact Brian Osborne for prices & details. Call or text (707) 479-1595 (08/18)

Meeting adjourned about 8:20.

Respectively submitted,

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