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## A Cold, Wet & Fun Party

It was a typical San Diego Corvair Club Christmas Party. It rained, an Artic front was moving in, but inside it was warm, and we had fun. For catered food, which got there before the guests arrived, it was surprisingly good.

The party was a little smaller this year. It seems we picked a popular family party date and that, of course, is what the holidays are all about.

We had committed to at least 40 with the caterer. We served 32, so a lot went home in doggie bags.

With several OFs conspicuous in their absence, we did our best to make merry any way. And with great success I might add. Sorry guys, not that we didn't miss you. It's too hard to put in such good company.

The exchange of gifts went well, with some unusual gifts, like a gas pump liquor dispenser, fresh squeezed orange juice, a full-sized Jeep Bowie knife ~ which got rescued from me before I got any ideas

that might get me in trouble. Thanks, Stan. My second draw was the cult classic car chase movie, "Vanishing Point". Watched it the next day for a cruise back into the '70s. Seems like a lot of Hot Wheels

got adjoined to packages ~ to the delight the kids ~ me, too. Mine was (is) a Dodge Charger.

Rich Ernst got busy with his camera. I think he got individual shots of everyone and then each gift as it was opened, of course, who wasn't necessarily the end owner.

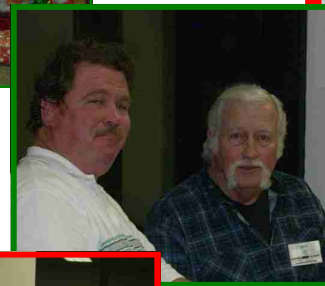
This was the final Christmas Party at Mary

Ann's. Next year a restaurant venue is in the planning. Probably to a couple of the ladies delight, since they seem to grab the food and coffee detail and get left out of the socializing ~ at least before dinner. Next year, it should be just kickin' back for them. And we will attempt to move the Birthday Party back to September .

A short meeting and the exchange of officers went well ~ all the incomings were present.

We will see you guys on the 8th at 7 at Jimmie Johnson's.

Happy New Year!



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**Upcoming Activities**

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**San Diego Corvair Club meets 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm, Jimmie Johnson Chevrolet meeting room, 7978 Balboa Ave, San Diego.**

Jan	8	<b>General Meeting</b>
Feb	12	<b>General Meeting</b>
Mar	12	<b>General Meeting</b>
Apr	9	<b>General Meeting</b>
May	14	<b>General Meeting</b>

Mike is available for any ideas on activities

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The San Diego Corvair Club meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of every month at Jimmie Johnson Chevrolet meeting room, 7978 Balboa Ave, San Diego

**GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME**

## General Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2008

Short meeting called to order by President Red Badgett  
23 members present, 11 guests, and 1 Corvair.  
Minutes as corrected in the November Vairmail approved.

### Old Business:

Dispensed with: Treasurer's Report, Activities Report, Membership & Webmaster's Report  
**Sunshine Girl Report.** Because she was present and well

**New Business** Election of new officers: Twenty-one ballots received, opened, counted and results announced. The officers for 2009: for President; Mike Rogers, Vice President; David Kerth, Activities Vice President; Mike Evans, Secretary; Red Badgett, and for Treasurer: Marilyn Ozenbaugh.  
Some comments regarding events previously held separately being combined. New Activities VP will work with Board on this concern

**No Drawing at this meeting**

**Food and refreshments provided by the club**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

*Respectfully submitted by Mike Evans, Secretary*

## New Officers Installed for 2009

Among the five officers elected and installed for the upcoming year are two rather new members; Mike Rodgers and David Kerth, President and Vice President, respectively. The three other positions went to former officers. Mike Evans moved from Secretary to Vice President (Activities), Red Badgett from President to Secretary, and Marilyn Ozenbaugh remains as Treasurer.

It's good to see new members step to the fore and want to help move the club forward.

While we have enough members to keep the officers in line with the club's rules, it's nice to have a mix of returning Board members familiar with club rules to keep board meetings on agenda and from presenting issues to the General Membership that may run afoul of the Bylaws.

Because the December meeting was, as usual, brief and dealt with the elections, subjects that came to members minds weren't formally discussed. But an issue regarding the election process did come up that will merit discussion before the next election; and since any change in that process would probably necessitate a Standing Rules change, the "before" means in the next month or so.

In the past, an installation took place separately from the election count. That seemed to be more festive. We can work on that and other events with the Activities Vice President and membership.

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For a while now Jim Stansbury's neighbor, Joe, of has been over to The Barn talking about electric vehicles.

Joe is a member of the Electric Vehicle Association of San Diego (EVAOSD) ~ an organization of folks going about converting perfectly good carbonizers into battery powered things. He's been eyeing Jim's '65 for a while now.

But, this last week the club was offered a 1961 Greenbrier. Jim Stansbury and I went to look at it in El Cajon, and trailered it back to his place with the intent of selling for the club. (We had actually posted it on the Corvair Center in a blind bid auction) Then Joe saw it.

He looked it over, up and down, in and out, then declared it to be a perfect vehicle for going green. That the van has a bad clutch, leaks oil a bit and, at best, has a collapsed lifter, or a dropped seat doesn't really concern him. It has some rust holes in the roof and other usual places, but it is a nice looking van with potential. The dash is now a 100 mph (car) and the steer is out of a car, also.

After some negotiating, Jim and I decided to donate the van to his cause with an agreement that he post a notice on the van that it was provided by the club ~ and we get the running gear.

I guess he's excited because he started right into weights and batteries. Costs, efficiency and weights of lead acid versus lithium. Wanted to know curb weights, payloads and other such plus or minus things that Jim will provide him with. These things are expensive to convert ~ I think, even more than it cost to build Hot Aire.

I remember that presentation at one of the club meetings several years ago by Dr. Jalal Salihi on GM's Electrovan, a project began in 1963, using a 1964 body and chassis (Electrovan I) and later in a '66 (Electrovan II). Those vehicles used silverzinc batteries. Think what 40 years of battery and control advancement could have on the Electrovan. Maybe we'll see it in the EV Greenbrier. And hopefully it will be on display at either this year's Toss, Cruisin' Grand or next year's Toss. I do know the EVAOSD has a display of club cars at the San Diego Auto Show now running at the Convention Center.

A little history on the van: It began as a (okay, here I'm guessing a bit ~ the original color looks to be the same as my '63 Brier was) 905 Jade, Meadow, Laurel, Seafoam, Ivy green. Now it's a powdering off silver ~ not primer as it appears. The wheels are lighter and bluer than the color under the flaked off silver. But they are FC wheels.



It was once owned by Frank Seibenborn who sold it to the donor, who in turn used it as his daily driver for 5 or 6 years until the van developed its engine problems. So, why get rid of it? He likes using his '64 140 coupe as his daily driver, now, and he'd rather put his efforts into rebuilding the other 140 coupe in his garage.

But, he does have a couple of other FC parts in his garage he wants to sell: a set of bucket seats for an FC (in need of upholstery) and a pair of NOS rear wheel bearings— Delco Hyatt 7451321—for an FC. He's asking \$150 for the seats, \$300 for the pair of bearings.

See Red or Jim for the address. Jim at [iaprazm@cox.net](mailto:iaprazm@cox.net) or Red at [redbadgett@aol.com](mailto:redbadgett@aol.com) .

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