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Vintage Corsa is Orange County, CA's official Corvair Club. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Corvair automobile, and all are welcome to attend our monthly meetings held the first Thursday of each month at 7pm @ Dave & Busters, located in the Block of Orange at 20 City Blvd. W Orange 92868. Annual dues are \$25 for CORSA members and \$30 for non-CORSA members. Our mailing address is PO Box 1536 Brea, CA 92822. Our website is www.VintageCorsa.com. Email is Webmail@VintageCorsa.com.

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Chris's Chatter Box

Hello to all,

Several events on our calendar will have happened before this month's meeting. This has probably been the busiest one of the year.

The Dan Augst Memorial Car show surprised me with 13 Corvairs attending the show. What a tribute to Dan. I'll bet he was smiling.

The Ron Funderburg Econo Run was held last weekend & I for one thought it went well. There were approx. 18 entrants this year, which is more than we have had in any of the previous Econo Runs. I myself had a great time. The course was nice & other than a few sprinkles the weather was OK. Thanks to Rod & Roger & all their helpers for a job well done.

By the meeting time we will have found out how the All GM Show went. I heard that 23 Corvairs have signed up to attend. It looks like our efforts to get the Corvair out there in the public eye are starting catch on. I am proud of everyone's effort of this.

The next event we have to look forward to is The Bob Anderson Club Picnic on August 8th. As yet no volunteers have come forward to head up the picnic & we haven't decided the location either. I am confident we will pull it all together & make it happen.

See you at the meeting,

Chris

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From the Editor:

I want to thank all of you who made submissions to this month's `Times.

I'm always looking for good stuff to include in this newsletter. I am collecting pictures, short stories, "what would your Corvair say", Corvair smells, Corvair Games, For Sale, Corvair Spottings, I think you get the idea. I also need someone to step up and be the cover story. Now's the time to get your name & picture in print.

Please send submissions to: dave.thompson@verizon.net
I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks for being a fun group of friends.
Dave Thompson

ARE YOU IN?

The Corvair Society of America is the #1 Corvair group in the world, with over 4,800 members and 125 local chapters, including Vintage Corsa.

CORSA supports all sanctioned Corvair Clubs with a wealth of benefits, including event insurance, exclusive Classified Ad access, and their award-winning monthly newsletter "The Communique".



Vintage Corsa encourages all members to join CORSA. Annual dues for active members are just \$38. For more information visit the CORSA website at...www.corvair.org



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Courtesy of Activities Director, Adam Larson, larsonx@adelphia.net
(Contact Adam or see our website Calendar for more details & listings)

Upcoming Events for 2009

July 4th

Ojai Independence Day Parade.

Small town family fun! All Corvairs welcome, no fee. Jack Pinard CORSA host, 805 340-6533, corvairjack@yahoo.com.

July 13-17

2009 CORSA International Convention, Jacksonville FL

Historic presentation by the CPF Staff, performance-based workshops, rare Corvairs on display, plus all the usual events. Host hotel is Wyndham Jacksonville, 800/996-3426, mention Corvair Society for \$99 rate. Register online at www.wyndhamjacksonville.com, click "Search using Corporate, Promo and Group codes," enter your dates and 0719886CO for Group Code.

Aug 19th

Nethercutt Tour

Ventura County Corvairs-11AM-3PM
Nethercutt Museum & collection
15200 Bledsoe St, Sylmar, CA

Aug 8th

Bob Anderson Club Picnic

Tri-City Park, in Placentia

Sept 13th

20th Annual Belmont Shore Car Show

10AM-3PM, 2nd Street, Belmont Shores, CA

Sept 19th

SCC People's Choice Car Show

South Coast Corsa – 10AM-4PM, Mulligan Family Center, Torrance, CA

Oct 2nd

50th Anniversary Celebration of the Corvair

1st Day of Production

Oct 23rd – 25th

The Great Western Fanbelt Toss

Palm Springs, CA

Dec 6th

Vintage Corsa Holiday Party

Place & time to be determined



Dan Aungst Memorial Car Show

First off, let me say how much I appreciate your participation in the Dan Aungst car Show held on Saturday, June 6th. I look forward to the first Saturday of June every year. It brings many happy memories of my late husband's favorite pastime; showing his car and hanging out with the guys and their cars. Arlene Aungst



Ha! My car's shinier than yours!



It was a great day for a car show and the turnout confirmed that with 13 Corvairs in attendance. (Sharon & Janice brought an MG convertible.) Five of the ten trophies went to our group.

A row of great classics!



Toby was a happy winner!

Trophy winners:

Early Open- Adam Larson

Early Closed- Ken Heritage

Late Open- Toby Bigney

Late Closed- Greg Vargas

Specialty Van/truck- Roger Becker

Adam Proudly displays his trophy



Let' keep those Corvairs rolling down the highways for all to see this year!

Cover Story

2009 RON FUNDERBERG ECONOMY RUN

Well after a few extremely stressful months of intense planning and preparation, we hosted the 2009 Ron Funderberg Economy Run on Saturday June 20th. Weather was cool and overcast - actually even a bit of drizzle along the coast.



Would have preferred a day of sun, but probably made for better Corvair driving conditions. Our

planning goal was to have 20 vehicles registered, and we came close as 19



drivers arrived at the starting point. Unfortunately, 1 Corvair had to bow out prior to start for mechanical reasons, while 2 drivers left the route early for personal reasons - thus, 16 spirited and highly competitive drivers completed the route.



A new course was introduced this year, covering approximately 66 miles across south Orange County. The route combined open stretches of road with some good hills and some of OC's best rural and ocean views.

This is probably a

good spot for me to acknowledge the well-deserved shots I took for a couple of directional gaffes after exiting Laguna Canyon Road - my apologies. If it's any consolation, I





made the same wrong turn off Barranca - and I wrote the directions! The way Bill Stephens shook his head saying; "The directions are wrong aren't they?" as he drove by. His look was classic. Lol!

Anyway, 7 of the 8 available mpg classes were represented. Results are listed in the chart below, with class winners in bold. New Corvair owner Scott Lockhart had the dubious distinction of turning in the lowest mpg, no doubt due in part to his having gotten off course and eventually adding several extra miles onto his odometer - again, sorry about that! The overall mpg winner was Art Gall (red bold), who was not only the last driver out of the gate - he was also by far the last to finish. He was out so long most of us thought he'd gone home! We shoulda known better. Rumor had it he was spotted pushing his Corvair up the hills, cited by Newport police for failure to drive at a minimum safe speed, and when asked by an elderly pedestrian walking faster than he was driving if he needed assistance, he responded "It's all good. It's an economy run and I'm in it to win it. Say, maybe you can help me push!". Commitment pays off, art. Congrats!



By the way, no thanks needed from anyone who opted to apply our promo video mpg tech tips. Don't know about you, but I can only imagine how badly I would have finished had my advance preparations not paid off. As it was, my Crisco-lubricated Greenbrier headed downhill in all directions on 1 disconnected carb while jamming to Deep Purple and Foghat pushed me to a whopping 15 mpg finish - good enough for 2nd place in my FC class. Man I knew these were good tips!!



The run ended with a terrific lunch at Rogers house in Coto De Caza, where awards and raffle prizes were announced. We also managed to squeeze all our cars and event participants into the cul-de-sac for some nice group photos - the neighbors had to be impressed.



Special thx to Roger for organizing this years event, and also for the terrific trophies he made using old pistons and Corvair hood emblems and horn buttons - really neat! Thx also to Roger's wife Judy for opening their home for our group lunch as well as everyone who brought something for us to eat.

Thanks to our vendor friends Jeff Williams (California Corvairs), Larry Shapiro (LS Corvairs), and Seth Emerson (Silicone Wire Systems) for providing some great mpg prizes and raffle items. Thanks to Eric Strom for printing up our great event t-shirts. Thanks to my son Will for helping us put together our very serious promo videos - boy you should have seen Rogers face the 1st time he saw it. Ha! Lastly, thanks to everyone who participated in this years event. The group camaraderie is always the best part of our club - and Ron Funderberg would be proud!

Thx, Rod





Economy Run Results

#	NAME	CLASS	TOTAL FUEL	COST PER GALLON	FUEL COST	OFFICIAL COURSE MILES	COURSE MPG	COST PER MILE
18	ART GALL	EM AUTO	2.912	\$3.24	\$9.43	66	22.7	\$0.14
3	KEN HERITAGE	EM AUTO	3.269	\$3.24	\$10.59	66	20.2	\$0.16
17	ROGER BECKER	EM AUTO	3.54	\$3.24	\$11.47	66	18.6	\$0.17
5	MIKE RAMOS	EM AUTO	3.876	\$3.24	\$12.55	66	17.0	\$0.19
17	ROGER BECKER	EM AUTO	3.54	\$3.24	\$11.47	66	18.6	\$0.17
12	DAVE THOMPSON	TURBO	4.168	\$3.24	\$13.50	66	15.8	\$0.20
16	SCOTT LOCKHART	TURBO	8.205	\$3.24	\$26.58	66	8.0	\$0.40
19	DEREK HARMSSEN UA	TURBO						
13	DAVE OEHLMAN	FC	3.632	\$3.24	\$11.76	66	18.2	\$0.18
1	ROD MURRAY	FC	4.402	\$3.24	\$14.26	66	15.0	\$0.22
10	GARY ERSKIN	FC	4.946	\$3.24	\$16.02	66	13.3	\$0.24
7	TOBY BIGNEY	LM AUTO	3.828	\$3.24	\$12.40	66	17.2	\$0.19
11	SHARON TANIHARA	SPECIALTY	3.706	\$3.24	\$12.00	66	17.8	\$0.18
15	MIKE FISCUS - DNF	SPECIALTY						
14	CHRIS PINCEK	140	3.648	\$3.24	\$11.82	66	18.1	\$0.18
4	BILL STEPHENS	140	3.663	\$3.24	\$11.86	66	18.0	\$0.18
2	GREG VARGAS	140	3.927	\$3.24	\$12.72	66	16.8	\$0.19
6	ADAM LARSON	EM STANDARD	3.247	\$3.24	\$10.52	66	20.3	\$0.16
9	TED SCHULZ	EM STANDARD	3.269	\$3.24	\$10.59	66	20.2	\$0.16
8	STEVE FISCUS - DNF	LM STANDARD					17.1	0.20

“I just wanted to say that my son, Julian, and I had a great time at the Econorun! You guys have a great club and everyone really made us feel welcome. I hope you will express this to your other club members for us”.

Gary Erskin, Sun City



Inland Empire Corvair Club
Last Month's What Year is it?



1965

1963

1962

1966-69



Corvair Spotting...

We know you're out there...

...and now we have proof!!!

- Check out these recent sightings -

Mike Ramos spotted this early 2-door at the corner of 11106 Mac Duff St. and Adah St. in Graden Grove off Katella Ave.



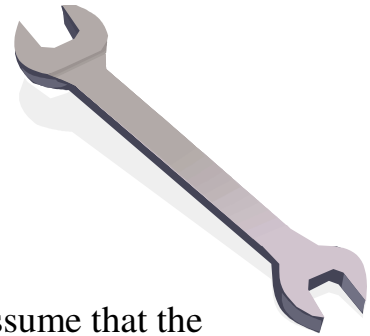
This nice '62 4-door was spotted by Arlene Aungst

Sharon Tanihara spotted this yellow spider at the Dan Aungst Car Show, or is that a "Spyder"?





Tech Corner



Corvair car brakes, 1960-64

When you look at the 1960-64 cars you would assume that the brakes are all the same. You would be wrong:

- 1960-61 Brakes are the same.
- 1962 Placement and change of master cylinder. Two different master cylinders: One for regular brake shoes (1" bore) and one for metallic shoes (7/8" bore). New brake shoes and anchor pins.
- 1963 Self adjusters were added. New springs and self adjuster parts were added, Brake shoes, wheel cylinders and master cylinders same as 1962
- 1964 New finned brake drums and backing plates. All parts same as 1963

By changing the anchor pins on the 1960-61 and brake shoes, you can install self adjuster brakes. Look at 1963-64 for a list of parts.

1964 front brake drums only will fit 1964. You could change the front backing plate. 1964 rear brake drums will fit all early cars.

Upgrading master cylinder to dual on 1962-64, kits are available. Thanks to Bob Nichols who helped some change to dual master cylinder.

There are front disc kits available if you want better brakes.

You can install front spindles from 1965-69 if you want bigger brakes. This will also let you add 5 lugs wheels to the front. The rear axles and drums will have to be drilled for 5 lugs.

If I have missed anything let me know.

Richard Dolgenow
Tech Officer, South Coast Corsa

How many possible '64 rear brake drums can you find?





PROMOTIONALLY SPEAKING...

VINTAGE WEBSTATS UPDATE – WOW! Latest stats tracker indicates over 141,000 hits to our website since May 1st, with a daily average of over 3,700 site visits and a high of over 14,000 hits on Friday, June 5th (the day we announced the Economy Run Promo video). That's strong traffic!

VINTAGE E-LIST... A SoCal Vintage Corsa welcome to our newest e-list members...

KENT DUNCAN...Kansas

JON PARKS...Kansas

ANDY ALEXANDER...Texas

These gentlemen all found us online as a result of following a Virtual Vairs link to this year's Economy Run Promotional Video...hmmm, should Roger and I get some kind of recruiting residual???



2009 GREAT WESTERN FAN BELT TOSS AND SWAP MEET

An event flyer is now available for this year's Toss on the Inland Empire club website...you can also access via our Vintage Corsa website calendar @ www.VintageCorsa.com .

This Month in Corvair History

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