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## FROM THE PREZ:



Hi Club Members

It Has been a pleasure to be your President for 2014.

I would like to be President for another year, in 2015 with your vote.

During January we had a few activities. On the 10th there was a show at an old folks home in Las Vegas. We had 6 Corvairs present at the meet along with other restored cars. It was a fun outing with music and food. My Favorite car was a 1915 Chevy roadster and next was a 1931 Buick coupe with a straight eight overhead valve engine.

I went to the Mesquite show with Bill Peterson for Saturday only. A great turn out with lots of cars and people. Many from Utah and I'm sure they were there to get out of the cold. My RV was in the shop for repairs, so I was not able to go for the weekend and take my Corvair.

I talked to Rick Vesco at the show, he is from Utah and he had two of their Bonneville streamliners at the show, 400 mph + cars.

I knew Ricks father in San Diego, their family has been racing at Bonneville since the 50's, his brother Don Vesco had the fastest motorcycle streamline for years.

See you at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting for the elections.

Paul Green, President

# **VEGAS VAIRS - CORSA CHAPTER #891**

## ***Minutes of the meeting FEBRUARY 14, 2015***

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Paul Green at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance: Vic & Ingrid Howard, John O'Shea, Marty Katz, John Merrick, Stephen Hendricks, Chuck Hanson, Howard Stoner, Paul Green, Arlon & Suzan Sibert, Paul & Vicki Bernardo, Steve & Sallie Wentworth, William Lager, John Charaska, Bill Peterson, Bob Helt, Harry Ransom, Mike Wade and one guest, Gary Duszak

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Harry gave each member the new club business cards with the club info for members to solicit new member prospects when they spot another Corvair owner.

Harry reported on upcoming activities-This Sunday meeting at Railroad Pass Casino for trip to "Rosies" Restaurant located on highway 93 in White Hills.

March 14<sup>th</sup> is the Saint Patricks Day Parade and the club has paid an entry fee entitling all members cars to participate in the parade

Paul reported on the Mesquite Show this weekend and he passed out entry forms to those interested. He also brought calendars to sell.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Paul brought up dues for the next year and a motion was made and seconded to raise the dues to \$20 to cover club activities he plans for the year. He also brought up that the club will be paying \$35 to Corsa as our club "dues" when they submit a request to the club.

The International Corsa Convention will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee June 24-27. All activities will be on site at the host hotel this year.

Vic, said he will continue as the newsletter editor, as long as those members who attend/enter car shows will provide photos and comments for the newsletter. Less and less of the content has become a reflection of the club activities vs articles provided by Bob Helt, Harry Ransom, Jack O'Shea and articles taken from other clubs newsletters.

Nominations of officers for the coming year were made and all existing officers agreed to continue in their respective roles:

**PAUL GREEN, PRESIDENT- CHUCK HANSON, VICE PRESIDENT- INGRID HOWARD, SECRETARY/TREASURER AND BOB HELT, DIRECTOR**

**VOTING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING WHICH ALSO IS OUR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.**

Vic asked about vendors who would provide shirts or hats for Vegas Vair members. Sally said she will get the info on past providers and Harry said he would also check into one he is familiar with

For Sale items were brought up and discussed.

Steve and Sally Wentworth invited members to attend a memorial they are hosting for the late John D'Angerio on January 24<sup>th</sup> at their home. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. His family members and friends will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served. Members were encouraged to come and drive their Corvairs. John was an enthusiastic Corvair owner who also owned a collection of other of his favorite rides.

Door prizes were drawn and the 50/50 drawing was won by Steve Wentworth

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

# Mesquite Motor Mania

BYCHUCK HANSON

The 2015 edition of Mesquite Motor Mania took place In Mesquite, NV on January 16 through 18. Four Corvair powered vehicles were among the 760 classic machines of every description.

Chuck and Cyndie Hanson were there as always, with their 69 Corvair powered Ultravan, AKA the Whale, and Cyndie's pristine '64 Monza convertible.

New to the show this year were Dee and Jane Zuehlsdorff, from Wyoming, with their beautiful "his-n-hers" '65's, his being a Corsa 140 and hers being a Monza 140 convertible. The Zuehlsdorffs are moving to nearby Scenic, AZ, and have been invited to join Vegas Vairs, to enjoy the good times with like-minded Corvair fanatics.

There were thousands of visitors to this years show over the 3 days, and the Corvairs were a big hit with the crowds and Judges alike. Cyndie's '64, Dee's Corsa and the Ultravan each won an "Outstanding Vehicle" plaque, while Jane's convertible won the plaque and popular vote for Kid's Choice, along with the \$200 cash prize, which proves once again that if you want money, fame, and all the rest, a Corvair will get you there!



## JOHN D'ANGERIO MEMORIAL JANUARY 24, 2015



*Sallie and Steve Wentworth hosted a memorial at their home to our good friend and club member who passed away May 18, 2014. John was an enthusiastic Corvair lover and also had interests in many other collector cars. His yellow 1965 Monza "Hank Jr." was one of those cars he loved to drive around Las Vegas as well as take road trips on the highway so he could "open her up" to as fast as he could. He was a dedicated family man and although he would sometimes display a tough or rugged exterior, those who knew him knew him to be a softie inside. A number of Vegas Vairs Club members attended this affair to honor and remember him. His wife and other family members were there as well. His 3 favorite daily drivers are below:*



***Most members in attendance at the January meeting paid the “new” annual membership dues of \$20.00 which are due this month. Please mail, or better yet, attend the next meeting and present your membership renewal dues to the Secretary/Treasurer.***

***~~Upcoming Events To Consider***

**March 6-8, 2015: NASCAR Nationwide and Cup races at LVMS - Info. at 702-644-4444 - Many ticket packages.**

**March 14, 2015: Henderson St. Patrick's Day Parade on Water Street - More info. in future - stay tuned!**

**April 10-12, 2015: NHRA Summit Nationals in Las Vegas, NV. For ticket packages call 702-644-4444.**

**April 18, 2015: Henderson Heritage Days Parade on Water Street - More info. in future - stay tuned!**

**May 10, 2015: MOTHER'S DAY - Don't forget!!!**

**June, July, August, and September 2015 STAY HOME! IT'S TOO HOT OUTSIDE.**

***--- Show off your ride, Dirty Harry***

# **PERTRONIX IGNITION INSTALLATION**

**By Bob Helt**

## **THE STOCK IGNITION SYSTEM**

The stock Corvair ignition system is designed to operate on 12 volts DC. When starting the engine the entire 12 volts is applied to the coil thru the points to ensure a good spark even in cold weather. When the engine is running the current from the 12 volts first runs thru a ballast resistor of 1.8 ohms ( 0.3 ohms for the turbo engines) and then thru the coil (resistance about 1.35 ohms). That means the 12 volts is spread across the resistor and coil so that about 5 volts is absorbed by the resistor and the remaining 7 volts is applied to the coil. Thus the coil really is a 6 volt coil even though it might have 12v stamped on its side. By having the 12 volts applied to a combined resistance of about 3.3 ohms, the current thru the points is limited to about 3.5-4.0 amps. And that is about the maximum current the points can handle. If you don't already have a volt-ohm meter to measure these values, get one from Harbor Freight, they have been giving them away for a long time now.

## **THE PERTRONIX I SYSTEM**

When upgrading to a Pertronix I ignition system, you have several choices to make that require you to be knowledgeable about your options. The Pertronix I system consists of an electronic unit and a special coil (called a Flamethrower I). Now you can use both of these components or just the electronics unit with your stock coil. Similarly, you can use the Flamethrower coil with your points (no electronic unit). But there is no advantage doing that since the Flame thrower coil has been tested and found to be almost identical to the stock LM Corvair coil.

But now there is a decision required. Pertronix offers two different Flamethrower I coils each with a different primary winding resistance. One has 1.5 ohms resistance and is almost identical to the stock coil and will require that the ballast resistor be kept in any circuit that uses this coil. Pertronix coils having 1.5 ohms resistance are numbered 40011, 40001, and 40111. When you use one of these coils you MUST keep the ballast resistor in the circuit.

The other coil offered has a resistance of 3.0 ohms and it should be used ONLY when the ballast resistor is not in the circuit and the 12 volts is applied directly through the ignition switch to the coil. These coils are numbered 40511, 40501, and 40611.

You must be sure to use the correct coil for your intended wiring hookup. You do NOT want to have the ballast resistor feeding a 3.0 ohm coil. Since the coil will not be getting sufficient voltage for a good spark.

## **THE PERTRONIX II SYSTEM**

The Pertronix II system has a dwell control that is designed to produce a hotter spark at high engine speeds but offers little advantage over the Pert, I system for street driven Corvairs. As with the previous system, the Pert. II system consists of an electronic unit and a special coil. But this coil, called the Flamethrower II has a resistance of only 0.6 ohms. And is designed to operate with its electronic unit and WITHOUT any ballast resistor (so the 12 volts is applied to this coil). Thus you do not want to use this coil with a stock set of points since the current thru the points will rapidly burn them out. It is possible to use Pert. II electronic unit with either a Flamethrower I coil or any stock coil at a somewhat reduced spark level.

## **WIRING THE PERTRONIX I SYSTEM**

The Pertronix I unit will have a red wire and one black. The black should be connected to the negative coil terminal. To retain the ballast resistor either leave your stock coil connected as it was or connect your Flamethrower I coil exactly as the stock one was.

The red wire is best connected to an ignition switched +12 volt source. This is available at the large connector at the engine compartment firewall. Alternatively, but not recommended, the red wire may also be connected to the + coil terminal. The voltage here is near the minimum the Pert. I unit can accept. So if you might be unlucky and have your charging system fail and try to drive the car with the headlights on, the battery may run down to the point where the Pert. unit will not function.

## **WIRING THE PERTRONIX II SYSTEM**

As before, the black wire should be connected to the coil negative terminal and the red wire to an ignition switched +12 volt source. The ballast resistor should be bypassed and the Pert. II coil + terminal should also be connected to the ignition switched +12 volt source.

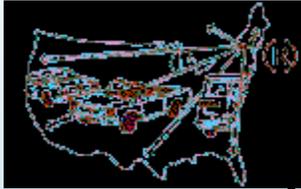
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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nomination of officers took place at the January meeting and the usual railroad train passed through, meaning, all of the 2014 Officers and Director were renominated without competition.

**Paul Green, President**

**Chuck Hanson, Vice President**

**Ingrid Howard, Secretary/Treasurer**

**Bob Helt, Director**

In addition, **Harry Ransom** agreed to continue as **Activity Chairman** and **Vic Howard** agreed to stay on as **Newsletter Editor**.

ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> CLUB MEETING

Paul Green said he has plans in mind for some club activity each month during the coming year and it looks to be an exciting 2015 for our club.

As Newsletter Editor I made only one condition for staying on in that role, each member who attends a car function should provide photos and comments/article about the event to provide more of a club activities information newsletter especially for those club members who are unable to attend either the event or club meetings on a regular basis.

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I will put out a new membership roster to the members in the March issue.

**FOR SALE ITEMS:**

**MARTY KATZ** 63/64 Spyder Convertible, 95% restored, never any rust, Original silver/blue exterior with black top and interior, runs beautifully Asking \$12,000 or will entertain reasonable offers

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**VIC HOWARD** T SHIRTS AND HATS--- as discussed at the January meeting we do have a source for these items. Several members are working on some alternative sites but the one that was set up by an ex-member is: CAFÉ PRESS and the website is;  
<http://www.cafepress.com/+vegas-vairs+gifts> (COPY & PASTE IN YOUR BROWSER FOR ACCESS.

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