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APRIL 2015

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VEGAS VAIRS, CHAPTER 891 OF CORSA

MEETS AT 7:00 P.M.

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FROM THE PREZ:



We had a great outing to Paul Bernardo Barn on the 21st of March. We stopped for breakfast at the Iron Skillet and an uneventful trip up I- 15 to Overton.

Paul's barn was full of collectibles and we really appreciate Paul for having us there. We stopped at a Pizza Parlor in Overton and the pizza was great.

The trip back through Lake Mead National Park had a ranger at the entrance and those without a park pass had to pay the \$10 entrance fee to go through.

` The park road was ground up due to repaving and it messed up the under carriage of the cars from the rocks and dirt. I also hit a pothole hard and damaged the rear rim of my car; it was unfixable; so I was forced to replace it.

We had 10 people go on our outing and I enjoyed it very much. We welcome back an previous member from St. George, he read an email from Vic and came to the outing and rejoined the club.

Paul Green

VEGAS VAIRS - CORSA Chapter #891

March 11, 2015 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

1. President Paul Green called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Two guests were in attendance: Emilie and Dylan Porto from Arizona. Eighteen regular members were also present.
3. Vic Howard relayed that the club treasury was back up to \$495.31.
4. Harry Ransom outlined some upcoming activities including the *Sons of Erin Parade* in Henderson, the Bernardo tour in Overton, *Mopars At The Strip*, the monthly *Twin Peaks Car Show*, the *NHRA Summit Nationals*, Paul Green's machine shop tour, the *UMC Children's Hospital Car Show*, and the *Valley of Fire Car Show*.
5. Mel Jackson outlined the Friday night *Midnight Mayhem* drag race program out at *The Strip At L.V.M.S.*
6. Harry outlined the lack of interest in the *High Desert Embroidery* personalized clothing offerings.
7. Prez. Paul described the upcoming outing to his friend's machine shop which is the very largest in the western United States. He relayed that we might also be able to visit the 8,000 foot deep *Mile High* tungsten mine outside of Bishop, California.
8. Prez. Paul reminded us that we can all join Jeff Barrett for dinner on Monday, May 4th. He's the guy driving his '65 *Corsa* coast to coast for the *Make-A-Wish Foundation*.
9. *It was reported that Marty Katz was out with severe bronchitis.*
10. Mike Wade gave a presentation about potential Gildan brand cotton club T-shirts. A price of \$15.00 each would include diverting some of that money to the club treasury. About 90% of those present placed multiple orders!
11. We were reminded that on Sunday April 12th a large automotive swap meet would be held at Sam Boyd Stadium.
12. Prez. Paul reviewed the documentary DVD that he is loaning about Abe Jenkins, the incredible Bonneville record holder. The title of disc is *The Boys of Bonneville*.
13. Jack O'Shay next presented a comprehensive and fascinating demonstration of how to change the *Corvair* fan pulley bearing. He showed us some rather unique and clever specialty tools.
14. Vic talked about some *Corvairs* for sale in Arizona.
15. Then, we were hit with some sad and astounding news. Club member John Miller had passed away over one year ago!! **John** Charaska and myself had tried to contact him numerous times in the recent past with no success. Then, out of blue (it seems?) his wife contacted Vic and asked if anyone was interested in buying any of his 12 cars! Some of you may remember club members changing his fuel pump in his white '63 *Monza* convertible in the Marie Callender parking lot on west Sahara a few years back. A number of club members decided to visit his home to look **at the** vehicles on March 12th.
16. Five people volunteered to bring door prize merchandise for the next meeting.
17. Yours truly won the 50/50 prize.
18. The meeting was formally adjourned at 8:22 pm.

We went outside to find our cars had all become the same **color** - **YELLOW**, from the exploding pollen!

- - - Meeting minutes submitted by G. H. Ransom
(Ingrid thanks you, Harry, for filling in on taking the minutes at the meeting)

MEET JOE BENITES (INTERVIEW BY BOB HELT)



Joe Benites

Joe has been a Chevrolet and Corvair mechanic for most of his career starting about 1966, but working mostly on all years and models of Corvairs and winding up at what is now Ed Bozarth's Chevrolet dealership on Centennial Parkway near Joe's home, and retiring from there. Behind Joe (in the photo above) you can get a glimpse of the very large garage and shop Joe has here in Las Vegas with an open storage of car parts waiting to be properly sorted and filed.

During his long career he started with the simple jobs like doing dealer prep on the new arrivals. Then, moving up to doing tune-ups, followed by more detailed and difficult repair jobs after receiving training at the GM facility in Burbank, California. Even then a lot of his training was self taught using the Shop Manuals that we all are familiar with. Pay was per the job being calculated from the Flat-Rate manuals. Difficult jobs were mostly left for him to figure out by himself although the Shop Foreman was always available for consultation and advice. Both small tools and larger specialty ones were his responsibility to provide and care for. Joe still has many of the unusual special Corvair hand tools needed to do some repair jobs.

While Corvairs were his specialty, he also worked on most of the other Chevrolet products; the sign of a master mechanic. About the only items he didn't work on were automatic transmissions. Otherwise his expertise covered the whole car mechanically. But the Corvairs were his favorites and he thought that they were rather ease to repair. So much so that he and Marty Katz started a business together repairing Corvairs and selling parts in Los Angeles area.

Joe also owned a Devin C (Corvair powered, fiberglass body two-seater Sports Car) that he brought from Bill Devin of Yucaipa, CA. He later owned Yenko Stinger S/N 132 or 172, bought from Charlie Yarborough, and raced it at the Riverside Raceway, California. After that it was sold to Bob Coffin, noted Corvair driver and racing shop owner.

As you can see, Joe has owned and worked on Corvairs almost all of his life. There is no finer tribute to a person than that.

WE JOIN THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ERIN

HENDERSON, NV. HOSTS ITS 49TH PARADE

Report by G. H. Ransom

The *Vega Vairs* once again participated in the annual *Henderson St. Patrick's Day Parade and Carnival* on the Saturday before the



proper date of March 17th.

'Twuz a fine, fine turnout of spectators that lined Water Street. The route was downhill, the skies were clear, and the temperature was in the high 70sF. We only had six cars from the club that participated but the camaraderie was heavy and a good time was had by all.



We followed a large variety of *Veteran Motor Car Club of America* vehicles mixed in with four *Studebaker Club* rides; one of which was a cherry 1926 sedan model!!! Oh my but the vintage tin was



everywhere.

Following the parade the *Hustlers Car Club* sponsored a mixed class car show on six blocks of the same Water Street parade route. By now the temperature was in the mid 80s. Phew! Since different roads were used to funnel the show cars to their parking spots I'm not sure who else from the *V.V.s* entered this display? I rarely "walk" very far from my car anymore during shows in order to keep an eye or two on *Cora*.

I hope that next year we can contribute many more *Corvairs* to this fun experience. Don't forget - - tell them *all* that air cooled is cool!

- - - Harry

FROM THE EDITOR

As President Paul mentioned in his comments, we have committed \$100 to the Make A Wish Foundation fund raising event that Jeff Barrett is making. Jeff is planning a coast to coast drive in his 1965 Corsa. He has numerous media sources that will be with him along the way and some National automotive magazines are planning to present his story. He will also be part of the Route 66 Fun Run where some 800 cars participate in a 140 mile drive of the old Route 66. He plans to leave his home on April 23rd in North Carolina and arrive in Bogada Bay, California on May 9th. Not only will this effort benefit the Make A Wish Foundation with his hope to raise \$100,000 from donations from car clubs and individuals along the way, it will provide great exposure to the Corvair. He is absorbing all his expenses for this trip as his donation to this worthy cause.

Anyone wishing to make a personal donation in addition to what our club is committing to, contact either Paul G. or Ingrid H. for information on how to do this. Attached is his itinerary as posted in the March issue of Corvanatics. As you can see, he plans to be in Las Vegas on May 4th. Prez. Paul is contacting him to see what arrangements can be made to meet with him. Either a special meeting or changing our regular May meeting to that date. He will report to us at the April meeting.

Bonnie Hillmer of High Desert Embroidery made an offer where we could each proudly display our membership in Vegas Vairs by purchasing shirts, hats jackets and even club patches to put on our favorite clothing articles. The patches are available for a limited time of just \$5.00. I have put access to her website on the links section in our Vegasvairs.com website. Contact Bonnie directly for orders and special pricing she is offering club members.

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One of our members, **Mike Wade**, also offers tee shirts to club members. He took orders from a number of the members at the March meeting and will deliver them at the April meeting. If you wish to order one, contact him at:

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DUES WERE DUE IN FEBRUARY, THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID BUT CAN AT THE NEXT MEETING OR MAIL TO THE SECRETARY/TREASURER VIA THE CLUB P.O. BOX ARE:

**JERRY DUNNING
SAM HILL
BILL LAGER
TOM SCNITKER**

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A NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTER WILL BE SENT OUT WITH THE APRIL NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS ONLY. PLEASE CHECK THE INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND SEND CORRECTIONS TO VIC HOWARD

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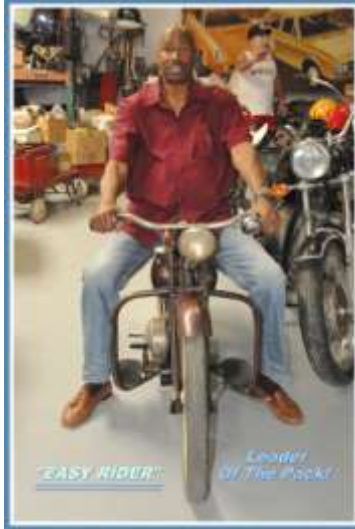
A TRIP TO THE BERNARDO'S

A dozen or so of our club members and guests made the trek to Overton to see Paul and Vicki's collections. Collections they were!

Not only his Corvairs and Porche's but motorcycles, bicycles, a tractor, many many parts and projects he has to start. Cold water and soft drink bottles were resting on ice in an ice chest he made from a wringer washing machine. After the tour and much discussion, we made our way to a local Pizza Parlor and had our fill.

Here are a few photos of the event.....





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UPDATE COAST TO COAST IN A CORVAIR CORSA COUPE

Jeff Barrett will begin his cruise Carolina Beach, NC with a Kick Off hosted by the Coastal Plains Corvair Club on April 24. His plan is dip his Corsa's tires in the Pacific Ocean at Bodega Bay, CA on May 8. Along the way he hopes to meet up with Corvair enthusiasts. Below is a tentative itinerary of his trip, his real time trip will be covered on Virtual Vairs and Corvair Center Forum. He will be avoiding the interstates where possible. Come join him on the route, just don't slow him down.

As a not subtle hint, if you join him please send in a photo that proves you were there (the perfect photo would have your FC, Jeff's Corsa, you and Jeff, extra points for Jeff's wife Toni).

If you need more information, please contact Jeff at 828-713-1893 or jortplace@charter.net. If you are ready now to help the kids that Make-A-Wish supports, please send checks to Coast to Coast for the Kids, 8 Lynnette Drive, Fairview, NC 28730. Make-A-Wish has 501-C non-profit status and receipts will be issued for tax purposes.

This itinerary is tentative

Date	Time	Place	Event	Host
4/24	9:00 AM	Carolina Beach, NC	Kick Off	Coastal Plains Corvair Club
	12:30 PM	Raleigh, NC	Lunch	
	4:30 PM	Winston-Salem, NC	Dinner	Classic Corvairs of the Triad
4/25	2:30 PM	Knoxville, TN	Meet and Greet	Knoxville Area Corvair Club
	6:30 PM	Nashville, TN	Dinner	Music City Corvair Club
4/26	5:00 PM	Little Rock, AR	Dinner	Arkansas Corvair Club
4/27	1:00 PM	Oklahoma City, OK	Lunch	Central Oklahoma Corvair Club
4/28	6:00 PM	Albuquerque, NM	Dinner	Corvairs of New Mexico
4/30	6:00 PM	Flagstaff, AZ	Dinner	Northern Arizona Corvair Club
5/1-3		Route 66	Fun Run	
5/4	6:00 PM	Las Vegas, NV	Dinner	Vegas Vairs
5/7	6:00 PM	San Francisco, CA	Dinner	San Francisco Bay Area Corvair Club
5/8	?	Bodega Bay, CA	Pacific Ocean	
5/9	8:00 AM	Folsom, CA	Car Show	Corvair Club of River City
5/11	AM	San Francisco, CA	Head Home	

~~Upcoming Events To Consider

**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!!!

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TOO HOT OUTSIDE.**

---- Show off your ride, Dirty Harry



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MARTY is also doing retail sales of Corvair parts and repairs at his home shop. Contact him at: phone: 702-303-7829 email: martykatz53@yahoo.com

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PAUL BERNARDO Custom built corvair engine/transmission run /test stand for \$450 it would cost well over \$1000 to duplicate and this one is proven. May trade for corvair stuff?
Paul Bernardo 702-398-3972 evesbest

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TWO CORVAIRS RECENTLY CAME UP FOR SALE :

John Miller, who was a Vegas Vairs member, passed away and his wife, Jennifer, is attempting to sell his collection of cars which includes a 1963 Monza Convertible, white with red interior (original), 110 hp with 4 speed transmission. Contact her at 702-595-2926. Asking price is \$4800



ALSO, Ruth Ann Garr has a 1963 2 door with 4 speed transmission for sale, she says the interior is good but you will need to contact her at 707-372-3232 for more photos. She is asking \$3500

