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CLUB VP MEL JACKSONS 1964 MONZA

It has a 110 motor with a four speed gear box ,Cutless Cierra driver power bucket seat and a Cierra passenger bucket with a Lincoln Continental headliner, heat resistant ceramic dual exhaust, tinted windows and double metallic pinstripe done by Mel. He plans for air conditioning to be installed prior to next summer ..he offers his special thanks to club members -John- Marty - Ernie and Steve for all their support.

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THE EDITOR SEZ:

Over the past few months I have been saying I want to give up the job as newsletter editor hoping someone would step forward to take over the job. Well, it hasn't happened and it has caused me to rethink my request.

I have decided I will keep at it for at least another year and also would like to take on the webmaster job of our website. However, I have no experience or knowledge of how to do that so I will begin trying to educate myself in that duty. It may require purchasing a program but hopefully I can download one without cost. If I do need to purchase one I will do so with approval of the club officers and retain the program for someone else to use in the future. If you can assist me, please contact me asap.

Attendance at our meetings concerns me. Yes, we have a basic core of members who attend regularly but they represent less than half of all the members. Some have work issues that make it difficult for them to make it each month and that is understandable. Others, I believe, may feel something is missing from our meetings that doesn't inspire them to attend. I have had comments from others that maybe a guest speaker can help us improve or repair our beloved cars. Perhaps even club members could fill this role from time to time. Another idea may be to show slide shows of Corvair or car show events and some of the old Corvair movies might add to the meeting. I know most of those who do attend don't necessarily attend local car shows but there may be those who want to see photos or slides of those events. **Activities Chairperson** Presently the only official events we have had over the years are our two picnics, Spring and Fall. Perhaps we need to develop more outings that we could get together as a club. Regular tech sessions sightseeing tours, cruising the strip and maybe rotating the club meetings to different locations around the valley for a little variety of food and scenery, having special gatherings for various holidays, Christmas, July 4th, Memorial Day or Labor Day to name a few. Perhaps we need a **Membership Chairperson** to followup with members who have been absent and also introduce guests at the meetings. I don't have all the answers but I do hope some of you can come up with some ideas to inspire our members and future members to be more willing to make an effort to attend.

2012 DUES are due by February 1st. Please indicate whether you are a Corsa member or not. Corsa members pay \$10 and non Corsa members pay \$13. I have "volunteered" to assist Ingrid, our Treasurer, in filing the report to Corsa.

ADVERTISING in the newsletter is free to members and a \$25 fee is charged to non members and Businesses. If you wish to run an ad to buy or sell Corvairs or parts, please get the details along with the name and phone number of the person on the ad within a couple of days after the monthly club meeting.

YOUR HUMBLE EDITOR
VIC HOWARD

Installing “Forgotten” Corvair Cylinder Air Baffles

A common error made when assembling a Corvair engine is forgetting to install the air baffles under the cylinder barrels. The forgotten baffles will mysteriously appear somewhere in the garage, but only after the engine is completely assembled. Of course nobody reading this will ever make that mistake, but you can give this article to your friends who are less skilled.

There are two solutions to the forgotten baffle problem: 1. You can take apart a lot of your brand new and lovingly assembled engine while shouting things the neighbors don't want to hear. 2. You can calm down, have the beverage of your choice and follow the directions below.

Cut each baffle into 4 sections at the "U" below each cylinder as shown in the picture. Trim a 1/4 inch wide pie shaped section from each end piece on the flat that goes up. Trim a 1/8 inch wide pie shaped section along one short edge from each inner piece. Try to install the pieces before trimming and you will see where to make the small cuts. Slide the end pieces around the cylinders and into place. Insert the inner pieces into the wide areas between the pushrod tubes and into place. Attach the stock wire clips and all 4 pieces will be held tightly in place.



Credit for this method of installing the baffles goes to Matt Nall, a well known Corvair aficionado and one of the moderators on CorvairCenter.com. Credit for the picture goes to Bill Tarasevic a regular contributor on CorvairCenter.com with the username “Billdozer”. Thanks to both.

(THANK YOU, JACK O'SHEA, FOR PROVIDING THIS FOR THE NEWSLETTER)

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FROM PAUL GREEN: Paul spoke to Joe Freeman regarding his two 65's that are for sale, the first is a coupe with A/C, 110 hp engine and 4 speed and he rates the condition as good. The second is a convertible with 140 hp engine and 4 speed, needs a top and is rated as fair. If you are interested call Joe at 702-277-2562.

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Is This The Russian Copy Of The Corvair?



Here's a picture of Vladimir Putin, the Russian Prime Minister, looking over the Russian ZAZ-968 automobile. Notice any resemblance up front to the early model Corvair? And by the way, the ZAZ also has an air cooled rear engine.

During the heyday of the Soviet Union it was common for the Communist Government to steal designs of many Western items and produce them for the Russian people. It is rumored that the ZAZ may have begun life as a copy of the tiny Italian Fiat 500, but as often happened inside the Soviet bureaucracy, maybe one of the comrades saw an early model Corvair and mixed signals resulted in a car that almost nobody wanted. ZAZ is the acronym for "Zaporozhsky Avtomobilny Zavod", (Zaporozhe's Automotive Factory).

The ZAZ is well known in Eastern Europe as one of the worst performing, most unreliable cars ever built. Too bad they didn't just import the Corvair, The Russian people would have loved the way a Corvair handles in the long, snowy Russian winters.

(ANOTHER ITEM PROVIDED BY JACK O'SHEA)

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~ Minutes ~

Vegas Vairs Chapter #289

Regular Monthly Meeting On 12-14-2011

- Prez Paul Bernardo called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- Those in attendance included Paul and Vicki Bernardo, Kati Bryant, John Charaska, John D'Angerio, Paul Green, Bob Helt, Mel Jackson, Ernie McKinney, Jack O'Shea, Harry Ransom, and Sallie & Steve Wentworth.
- Ms Kati Bryant was introduced as a guest of the Wentworths.
- Ingrid Howard gave the Treasurer's Report: \$595.80 on tap.
- Upcoming activities were discussed including the Stateline Casinos New Year's Day Show and the mega gathering at Mesquite over MLK weekend in January.
- Ingrid & Vic offered their Arizona home as the site for the Spring Picnic during late March.
- Once again Prez Paul initiated the need for volunteers to fill open officer positions for the coming year. Much discussion followed. It was suggested that members who miss most meetings should be "volunteered" to lead our august group! Hint, hint ya'll!
- Harry gave a hand tool presentation showing unique style ratchets and some good buys at Harbor Freight.
- He also showed a feature article in the February edition of *Hot Rod* magazine showcasing an autocross killer LM *Corvair* coupe. Right on.
- Those with items for sale next presented their wares.
- The meeting finished up with the customary door prize raffle and 50/50 drawing of \$26.00 won by Vickie. Susan graciously filled in as raffle chairwomen.
- Prez Paul adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and we then all moseyed out to the parking lot although few hung around since the temperature was below 55 degrees F.!!!! Are we that old?

- - - Notation submitted by G. Harry Ransom - club secretary