



VISION

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VEGAS VAIRS, CHAPTER 891 OF CORSA, MEETS AT 7:00 P.M.

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT:

**DENNY'S RESTAURANT
3081 S. MARYLAND PARKWAY
LAS VEGAS, NV 89109 (734-1295)**

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RANDOM NOTES FROM THE PREZ:



Ahh, summertime in Las Vegas at last! The warm weather is finally here, and if the 115 degrees I saw in Mesquite a couple of weeks ago is any indication, it should be a nice, toasty warm summer, so put away those parkas and snow boots. Be careful about spontaneous combustion, though...

The June meeting at Paul Green's Rebar Machine Shop was a big success. Paul has put together a quite impressive business there, and he proudly showed us the whole operation, that he built from the ground up. Thanks again Paul!

The swap meet afterwards was good as well. I came with parts to sell, hoping to free up a few bucks and make a little room in my garage, but ended up taking home more stuff instead...

UltraVan owners are coming out of the woodwork these days, and Sam Hill, servant to U.V. #346 (Charlotte)? came to the June meeting and is now our newest member. Welcome to the group, Sam! The Whale, #460 is looking forward to meeting Charlotte.

I will have my copy of Seth Emerson's new book "Performance Corvairs" with me at the meeting in July, so you can have a look at it before you buy one for yourself...

Be sure to bring yourself to the next meeting July 10 at the Denny's on Maryland Parkway, 6:00 to eat and 7:00 to meet. See you there!

Prez Chuck.

THE EDITOR SEZ:

MORE FROM THE EDITOR SEZ:

**WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR MEETING PLACE AT:
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LAS VEGAS, NV**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS: PAUL BERNARDO, PAUL GREEN, MARTY KATZ
AND STEVE WENTWORTHIF**

**I MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW MONTH AND
DAY FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.**

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**IF YOU WEREN'T AT THE JUNE MEETING, YOU MISSED A VERY
GOOD SESSION PRESENTED BY PAUL GREEN. BELOW ARE SOME
PHOTOS:**





Vegas Vairs Minutes

June 12, 2013

Present: Kevin , John Charaska, Paul Green, Chuck, Vic , Mel , Marty , John Miller, Jack , Arlon , Suzan, Howard, Dan, Steve, Jerry Chocek,. Bob Soliday.

Guest: Sam Hill.

6 p.m. Paul Green was our host for the meeting at his Rebar Machine Shop. Paul picked up pizza and we had soda from the machine all paid with Club funds. Paul told us the amazing history of his business and gave us a guided tour of a wonderful all American made company that ships their products around the world. A BIG THANK YOU, Paul.

Business meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes approved from May 8th meeting as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report. Vic reported our new balance \$761.78. Before the bills this evening. Report was approved.

Upcoming car events:

LA Car show this week-end. June 15th a car show at the Findlay dealer at 215 & Rainbow . Cars & Coffee mets on Saturday morning. The Sunday a.m. Santa Fe Mining Company (Rainbow & Rancho) car show/ swap meet is going strong each Sunday morning usually before 7 a.m. .July 10th City Hall Las Vegas. For more activities check with Chuck , the Las Vegas Cruisers Ass. or Arizona Car Council.

Old Business: None

New Business: Vic told the sad story of Corvairs one an Ultra Van being crushed from his local Pick-A-Part.. Chuck and Paul were recent winners of car show awards. Sam told the story of his Ultra Van. Chuck gave an update on his Ultra Van.

Name Badges: Chuck Hanson has name badges for members please see Chuck..

Newsletter: Vic reported he continues to get interesting Articles from Bob Helt.. A newsletter and application was given to Sam Hill.

Books for sale: Bob Helt has his books for sale. Bob has published a number of great books. There are a number of Corvair books for sale check with Chuck if you need more info most sell for \$30.00.

For Sale:

Marty Katz has car parts and a 1996 Camaro \$4500 with air conditioning . Marty does Corvair repairs at his home shop as well. Give Marty a call at 702-303-7829.

Bob reported a Van for sale on Judson off Nellis for sale for \$4500 on Craig's List. There are a number of Corvairs out there on Craig's list like the little fancy Pink Corvair listed at \$4500. Jack mentioned there are now tires available at Clark's and other places the 185 x 13 tire size as some new cars take that same size tire.

Raffle: Howard sold raffle tickets. .he is in need of a new roll of tickets. There were many winners of great raffle prizes. Paul Green won the 50/50 of \$33.00 and the Treasurer was give \$33.00. Remember to bring affle items for the July meeting.

JULY MEETING July 10th at the Denny's on Maryland Parkway. Remember your raffle prizes.

SWAP MEET FOLLOWED...MANY GOOD DEALS!

Acting Secretary, Suzan Sibert

BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

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A technical maintenance and upgrade manual. 330 pages. \$35+\$8 S&H.

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Comprehensive turbo carburetor rebuild information. 90 pages. \$25+\$5 S&H.

If interested in purchasing any of these books, please call me, Bob Helt, at 256-2008 or email me at Bobhelt@aol.com for delivery to one of the Vegas Vairs club meetings for no S&H charges.

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AIRTEX FUEL PUMP STATUS

By Mike Dawson

The Problem

The Airtex fuel pumps currently being sold by various vendors have a quality control problem with the valves, leading to failure of the pump: not if they will fail, but when. The valves are not completely pressed in to their seats and the metal wall is not staked to prevent the valves from coming out when cold fuel enters the valve after a hot restart. Just like valve seats falling out of Corvair heads. Not every pump is bad, but as of today I have found 9 lot numbers with the valve problem. I recently purchased 8 new pumps that were shipped directly from inventory with the same lot number and found all of them needing retrofitting, so finding one good pump and using that lot number for comparison will not work, all pumps need to be checked. An Airtex representative has visited me twice to review the problem but as of this date I have received no useful feedback other than that the pumps may have been outsourced. The pumps in question are manufactured by United Components and are sold under the Airtex name, Master Parts Division name, Clarks' Corvair Parts (C3403), and by auto parts stores which usually leave them in the Airtex box. They are best identified by the use of hex head screws instead of slotted screws and with a tag under one screw with the pump number (4886) followed by a lot number such as 339. The words MADE IN USA are stamped on the top although most boxes say assembled in Mexico.

The problem can be resolved by disassembling the pump, checking the valves and if necessary, pressing them in properly and staking them to prevent movement. I use an arbor press and 1/2" copper sleeves, followed by a punch for staking. Once this is completed the pumps work fine. There is no valid argument in this issue: in order to know if you have a dependable fuel pump as described

above, the pump needs to be inspected, and if necessary, fixed!



Valve firmly staked and seated.

Valve not seated or staked.



Check any Airtex fuel pumps you have, the following lot numbers do not have the valves pressed in completely and are missing the necessary staking:

169

409

191

049

160

These are good:

471

494

308

Any other numbers should be checked.



Lot number tag showing Lot 409

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The Solution

At this point in time, it appears that the best mechanical fuel pump is the Airtex pump manufactured after June 2011. This pump has well staked valves, good material in the diaphragm, an elevated boss in the center to keep leaks out of the oil, and it has a good record of service in the KC area. If you do not have this pump, it would be wise to (get one and) install it. It can be identified by hex head screws, no tag on the top and the part and lot number stamped on the underside.

Mike Dawson (recently) received the following email from Ken Otey at Airtex concerning the pump failures.

"We are currently in the process of relocating our Mechanical Pump Line back to Southern Illinois from Mexico. We are completely resetting our manufacturing and quality teams to address lingering issues such as yours. I have forwarded your comments to our Mechanical Team and they will be addressed when our line is up and running. I will keep you posted on the progress of the move and when date codes will reflect manufactured in USA. I sincerely apologize for the issues you and your fellow Corvair enthusiasts have endured and would extend an open invitation to visit our plant in Fairfield, IL and help us celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Best regards to you and your group!!"

Persistence pays off! After several months of talks with Airtex representatives Mike Dawson has convinced the company that there was a problem in their manufacturing process. Thanks Mike for your diligence.



October 25th-27th, 2013
 Sunrise Park Palm Springs, California

*Host Hotel:
 Quality Inn
 1269 E. Palm Canyon Drive
 Palm Springs Ca, 92644



Games - Car Show
 Swap Meet - Food
 Raffles - Great Friends

*Friday Night Welcome Party to be held at Host Hotel
 Bring your Radio Controlled Boat to Race in the Hotel Pool



*Saturday Night Banquet will be held at
 Spa Resort Casino
 100 North Indian Canyon Drive
 Palm Springs, CA 92262



Prices and entry form will be available soon at
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FOR SALE ITEMS:

MARTY KATZ

1965 Austin Healy 3000 concours convertible for \$70,000

NOS Corvair Wire Wheel Covers for 64-66 with spinners or 67-69 center caps. \$1000 for the set

1996 Camaro RS Convertible, V6, Auto Trans., Cold AC, looks and runs great! \$4850 or best offer. Would consider trade for Corvair.

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



**PLEASE CLIP THESE AND WHEN YOU SEE A CORVAIR PARKED, PLACE
ONE UNDER THE WINDSHIELD WIPER**



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