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ENGINE CODES BY BOB HELT

As everybody knows, the Corvair engines all have an identification code stamped on the crankcase just ahead of the fuel pump. This code as it appears on original factory engines follows a general format as follows: T1228RB, where the T tells us that the engine was built at Tonawanda, NY. I2 is the Month of assembly (December.....they used an I to stand for a 1) and 28 is the day of that month. RB is a special code-called the suffix code-that identifies the engine's features. These alphabetical suffixes (e.g., RB) are decoded in several places including THE CORVAIR DECADE and THE CLASSIC CORVAIR books so they won't be decoded here. But what we do want to talk about is the purpose of this code.

The code does not state the specific year of assembly. In our example, it is not stated whether this is a 1965 or 1966 engine. Why is that?

In addition, an investigation of these codes will show that sometimes the same suffix (Z, for example) was used for two different engines during two different years (80HP and 95HP). Why did they do that too? Seems strange, doesn't it?

Well the reason the factory used this code, unfortunately, was NOT to tell the public (us) about the engine. The code was used at the engine assembly plant as a build code to tell the assembly workers which parts were to be included in the engines as they were being built.

Each summer, during the month of August, the assembly line was shut down and the workers took their vacations while the production and process engineers revamped the assembly line to produce the next year's products. This was true for both the engine assembly lines and the body assembly lines. So when the lines started back up, they were equipped with all the tooling, parts and procedures

necessary to produce the new models. Thus, the lines were set up to produce only the products for the new model year. This explains why the year of assembly is not stated in the engine code. The production line could only produce that new year's products. Parts for last year's production were all removed from the line.

All the Corvair engines were built on the same assembly line in Tonawanda, NY. So, for example the suffix Z told the line to produce the base engine intended for a Powerglide for that year which would be an 80 HP engine in 1960-63 and a 95 HP engine in 1964. The base engine is the standard engine supplied for a given year. The line only had parts to build the correct base engine during any specific year. Thus no identification of the year was needed in the code.

Some specifics might help show how this works. In our example, RB told the assembly people that this engine received a special Tuftrided crankshaft, along with the 891 camshaft. In addition, the 140 HP heads were to be installed, along with other intake and exhaust parts. Also it told the production people that a specific distributor was to be installed. The assembly people then chose the correct parts to assemble to the engine based on the suffix code. Of course they were previously trained on which parts went with each suffix code.

And finally, the date portion of the code was used as a locator to tie that engine to its body also being build but in a different factory-the Fisher Body section. Naturally, the factory had to get the correct engines installed into the correct bodies so that there would be a correct match of engines and bodies. To accomplish this the engines were built some three weeks ahead of the mating of the engine to the correct body. This was accomplished via a "Broadcast Sheet" sent to all stations.

~ The President's Page For January, 2011 ~

Is that right? 2011? Yikes, we MUST be having too much fun if time is going by that quickly!

Once again, as you read this, certain events will have already taken place. After Christmas and Hanukka I would stress that chief among them was our December monthly meeting. I'm concerned - we only had a total of 10 present! Those are more than disappointing numbers folks. I'm hoping that the reasons centered around holiday commitments though WE ALL KNOW when every *Vegas Vairs* meeting takes place.

However, we did enjoy an energetic gathering. This time the hot topic was oil. I guess Bob Helt has unleashed a monster. Don't buy that oil with the top rated Starburst emblem. Huh? Who has roller lifters? Why should I have zinc? Numerous members defended their differences of opinions.

Also during the December meeting we discussed reduced dues for members paying up BEFORE March 1st of every year. Half cost at only \$10.00 was the unanimous vote; such a deal.

It's that time of year again when we need to decide about replacing open officer positions. One of our current officers has *hinted* that he *might* like to inherit my gavel for the next season. Fine. But we really need specific input, discussion, and clear intentions and commitments identified. THUS, we REALLY need to have a packed house for our upcoming January meeting. That's on WEDNESDAY the 12th and unless you're arbitrating with a bail bondsman at that time your presence will be MORE than appreciated and needed!

With the exception of the newsletter editor (not to worry, Vic volunteered again) the officer slots ain't that much real work. We just need people who will embrace the limited duties in a responsible and professional manner. Remember, the state will not let us function as a club unless we have formal officer elections.

Let your interest/intentions be known at the next meeting ON JANUARY 12th! The latest we can cast votes is during the February meeting. New and any carryover officers start their new terms in March. Okay, 'nuff said 'bout that.

For those who might be interested in participating or simply just visiting, the *Mesquite Motor Mania* is on again for 2011. The promoters are promising (a repeat) \$15,000 in total prize money. There should be a good number of cars there. The entry fee is a bit less than in 2010. If you submit an application before January 3rd. the tariff is \$60.00. Afterwards that changes to \$75.00. However, one of the room plans is extremely attractive. You can stay at any of Black family hotels but the *Oasis* offers the killer deal of only \$9.98 plus tax per night. Even though I don't have a bra (for the car!) I think I'll make my reservations and drive the 80 or so miles. Lot's of commraderie, loads of cool cars, and buffets every day! You can make reservations by calling (877) 438-2929. Tell them to use *Oasis Group #23000*.

One more time, remember that Gail has burned DVDs of those wonderful Corvair ads. Gail, please bring some copies with you for our next meeting on JANUARY 12th, 2011. Just \$3.00 will cover her efforts.

I hope your holidays were happy and healthy. For many of us "more mature" members I guess prune juice is the best libation for a New Year's toast. 2011. Hmmmmmmmmm? If it ain't broke or doesn't leak, don't mess with it. That goes for our 'Vairs too!

- - - - I vote for blended oil, Prez Harry

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2011 LVCAI "Cruise Nights", "Special Events" & "Car Show Schedule"

Sunday am 1-2 1st Sunday each Month "Cruise the Las Vegas Strip" Meet at Palace Station, 2411 W. Sahara Ave 7am Sunday
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1960 Corvair Trivia

by: Jack O'Shea

The 1960 Corvair is unique in many respects. One feature not found on other Corvairs, and only on a small number of the first 1960 models can be seen in this picture.

What are those slots under the front bumper for?



Here's what the other side of that car looks like.



The original 1960 Corvair design called for the horn to be behind the slots under the passenger front bumper and in front of the tire. Records indicate that a change was made in April 1959 to move the horn up to a safer location behind the headlight buckets.

Since Chevrolet had already manufactured some front end panels with the horn slots they decided to use them all up. The slots serve no useful purpose, but they do identify a very early production 1960 Corvair.

For many years it was thought that perhaps 500 or so 1960 Corvairs were built with horn slots. It is now believed the number may be more than 850. The horn slot panels probably lasted only a few weeks of the initial production run. Regardless of the original number only a handful of these cars have been located. Seen one lately?

Credit for this article goes to internet username Caveman Pete. A long time 1960 Corvair owner.

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Ingrid and I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and we are looking forward to your friendship for many years to come.

As our prez pointed out in his column, we had a very small turnout for the December meeting. Many of you had the holidays on your mind and in your priorities s it is understandable. We do have some important business to conduct in the next couple of months, namely, officer nominations and elections. I do hope there are a couple of you who are willing to spend a tiny bit more of your time with our club and volunteer or agree to accepting one of the officer positions. I have agreed to continue as newsletter editor for another year, maybe two, but after that it will be time for someone else to take that job over. Not that I don't enjoy doing it but I really believe there are a couple of you in the membership that are much more creative then I am and could do it much better. Please join us at the January 12th meeting and think about your role in the club.

