

# Corvairisation

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"Shorty" belongs to Ronald, a friend of Matthew Smith and can be seen at <http://photopoint.com/vehicles/cars.html>. "Shorty" is missing 40" of his wheelbase!



**Tucson Corvair Association**  
**Established 1975**

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Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month except December. One technical/social event is planned for each month except August.

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## *The Presidential Intergalactic*

*Yes, we are going to get the Tucson Corvair Association on the the Internet and maybe on the Cosmos Net. Who knows what lies ahead. Don't underestimate this dynamic organization. It's alive and vibrant. Paul Dunn, our Web Master and I have been working diligently and so far I have transmitted from my computer to his server ten pictures of TCA members with their cars. Our goal is to have all members pictures with their cars on the net. If you have or can generate your photo with car I would appreciate receiving them. You can mail them, deliver them or I can pick them up. I would also be happy to come to your place with my \$500 Nikon and shoot you with your car. I promise, no large holes.*

*What a Christmas party we had at the Davis Monthan Officers Club. We told stories, we sang, we exchanged gifts, we had door prizes and we contributed to the Food Bank. Punch Woods was pleased. Sue Robinson led the singing, Herb did the "steal another member's gift game." Don and Ann Henn brought the Poinsettias center pieces and I did a parody on Dr. Clemment Clark Moore's poem, "The Night Before Christmas." (1822) I say, lets have more bigger and better parties and productive, entertaining and informative meetings and mid-month activities.*

*Don't forget the 6th annual collector car show put on by the Santa Cruz Car Nuts Inc. January 29th at the Tubac Golf Resort. If you wish to enter in the competition, there are forms in the November Corvairsation.*

*In my quest to get a proper idle in my '67 Monza I have acquired 17 carburetors. I now believe that it will pass emissions. I have a friend who will sniff the exhaust free and tell me if its worth going for the test. More on this at our January 26th meeting. SEE YOU THERE!!!!*

**DAVE BAKER**

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from the editor.....

What a great Christmas party!! We did have a lot of fun and comradery. The gift exchange was great; Thanks Herb. Everyone was very generous with gifts to the Food Bank. Thanks to all. Congratulations to Barry Cunningham who is recipient of the Bryan Lynch Award. Thanks too for all your hard work!

Ready for the Collector Car Show at the Tubac Golf Resort? Preregistration must be in by January 25 but you can register at the show. Call any TCA Board member to obtain a registration form. Prior to the show, we will rendezvous at the Cow Palace at Amado (kmpost 42) for breakfast at 8:30AM. Then it's a short cruise to the show (kmpost 34).

check the coming events on the back cover of this issue. Our February mid-month will be on the 5th at 2:30PM we will tour the Franklin Museum (1405 E. Kleindale) another great air cooled car.

*Will be coming*

### **A New Age is Coming for the TCA!**

Yes, not just the coming of the new millennium, as significant as that is, the Tucson Corvair Association is also finally about to go online. Starting the new millennium with a brand new technological image. Paul Dunn here, to let you know the "going's on" with our website. Many of you know about my efforts over the last three quarters of a year (wow, has it really been nine months since I first suggested it?) which unfortunately have had a few bumps in the road and an occasional nasty oil spot on the drive.

I hope our site will be one of the best Corvair related sites on the Internet. As soon as it is up, I will request CORSA to show it as a link from CORVAIR.ORG. I will also enter it into a very popular Corvair Web Ring.

Paul Dunn,  
TCA Webmaster

### **Citation**

*The Bryan Lynch Award is given the Tucson Corvair Association's member who is considered to be the most valuable person for the year. Barry Cunningham's contribution to the organization has been outstanding. He has served as Vice President and Tech Advisor. He has planned and executed all of the mid-month activities for 1999 and past years. He has always been there in enthusiastic support for the Corvair Club and all it's goals. A member since the beginning, Barry has exemplified the type of person that makes the Tucson Corvair Association an exciting and vibrant organization. Barry, from the members, THANK YOU, and we hope that you will be with us for ever and ever.*

**SIGNED----- THE MEMBERSHIP**

## JANUARY 99 TREASURER'S REPORT

BEGINNING CASH ON HAND.....\$1879.81

**INCOME: (ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE)**

Ads.....	0.00
Badges/Pins.....	00.00
Raffle Tickets .....	0.00
Merchandise.....	00.00
Christmas dinner.....	120.00
Misc.....	00.00
Can Money.....	00.00
	<u>120.00</u>

**DUES:**

Don & Ann Henn.....	18.00
David & Joann Carranza.....	22.00

Note: Misc of \$34.00 last month was Dick Cannon's dues.....

**TOTAL INCOME (ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE).....\$160.00**

**EXPENSES: (ACCOUNTS PAYABLE)**

Stamps.....	00.00
Door Prizes for Christmas Party.....	63.23
Christmas Dinner Payment.....	375.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES: (ACCOUNTS PAYABLE).....438.23**

**ENDING BALANCE: (CASH ON HAND).....\$1601.58**

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Elvick

\*\*\*\*\*REMEMBER!!!! DUES ARE DUE...DUE....DUE\*\*\*\*\*

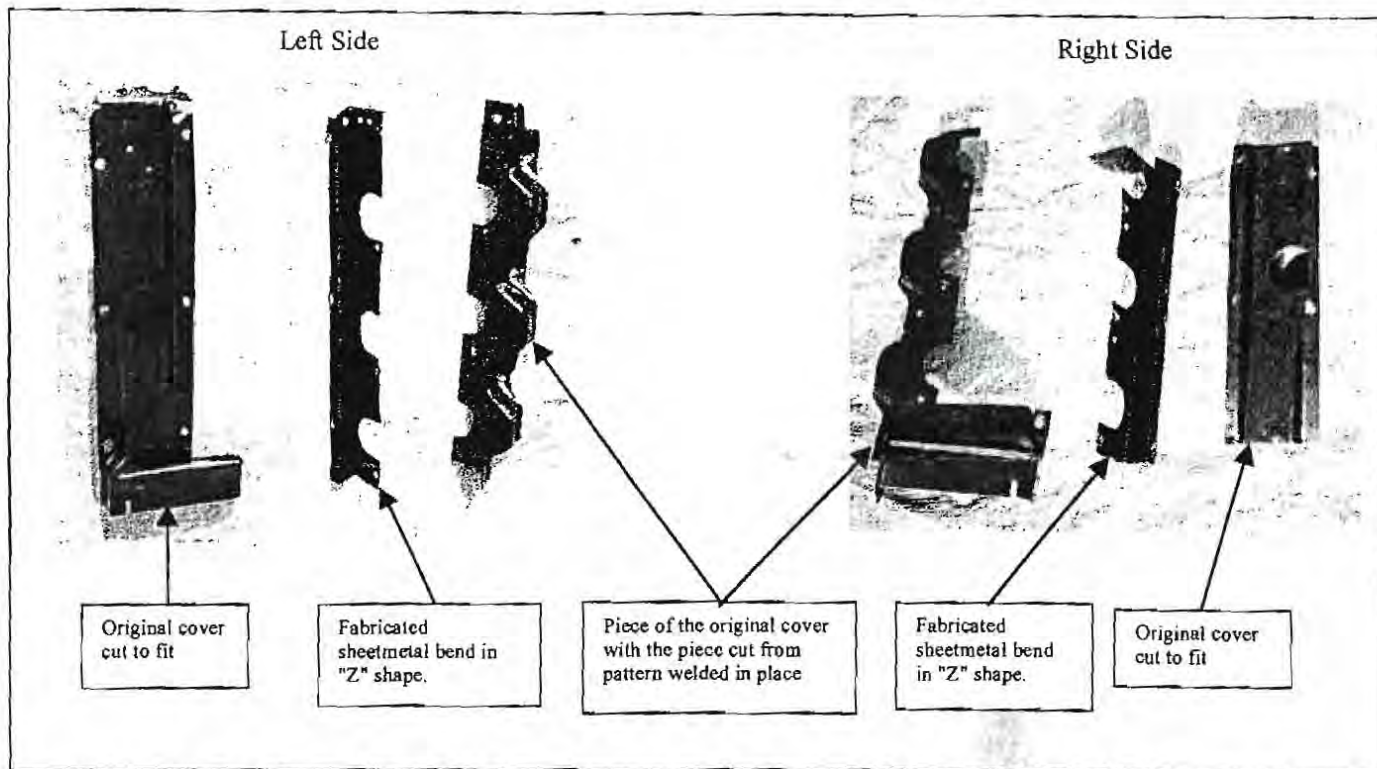


# Headers AND Heater!!

Van Pershing, TCA

Now the headers and exhaust system are working well but its cold outside and I'd like it to warm inside (the Corsa, that is). As everyone knows when you put headers on your favorite Corvair you must remove the sheetmetal shrouds that catch the heat that is routed into the passenger's compartment for wintertime comfort. Those who have headers always say, "It's easy. Just fabricate some sheetmetal." A nice concept but I had never seen an actual setup. So, with the engine out of the car and a pair of scissors and some cardboard, and some extra original sheetmetal, I started putting things into place.

After installing the headers on the engine and holding the original covers the parts of the original sheetmetal that could be used were cut out and then bolted back onto to the engine. With cardboard and a marker pen pieces were fashioned that would be cut out of some thin-gauge sheetmetal and then welded in place.

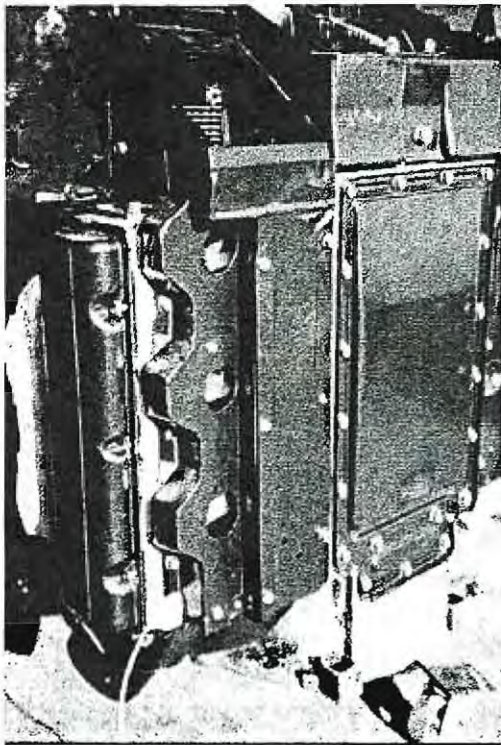


Holes were then drilled in the appropriate place and j-nuts installed so that there is a way to attach this three-piece assembly together. Here one needs to be extra careful to place the holes in places where they can be reached after the headers are installed, otherwise you can't get to the screws to put the thing together.

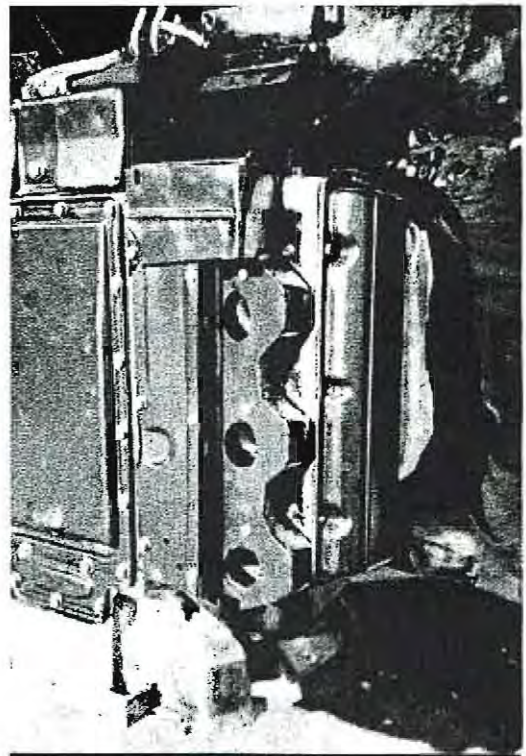
Having the cover in 3 pieces makes it easy to put all the sheetmetal in place after the headers have been installed. The stock bolts are used to attach the covers to the block and heads and there are a couple of those that aren't real easy to get to. All in all, it's not real difficult to install.

Heat? Well, there is no room with headers to install the thermostats so you loose any ability to heat things up quickly but after things are warmed up the heater works pretty nicely. With the stock manifolds and covers in place, even without thermostats, the heater works better because the entire exhaust manifold is inside the covers adding to the heat. All you get with this system is the heat coming off the cylinders, but that's plenty for defrosting the windshield and providing a little heat to keep the chill off. I'm sure this wouldn't be the greatest in the dead of winter in Minnestoa, but it works great her on a cold winter's day in Arizona.

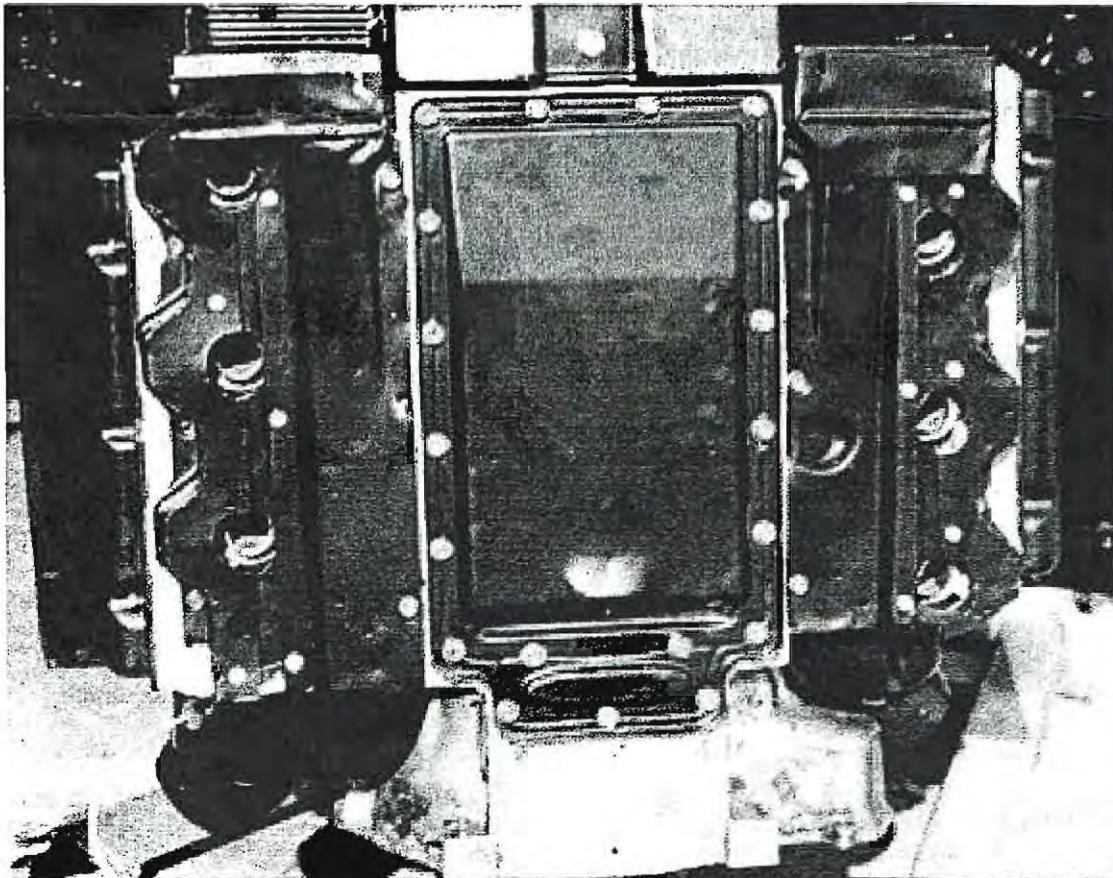




View of the Driver's side without the headers installed.



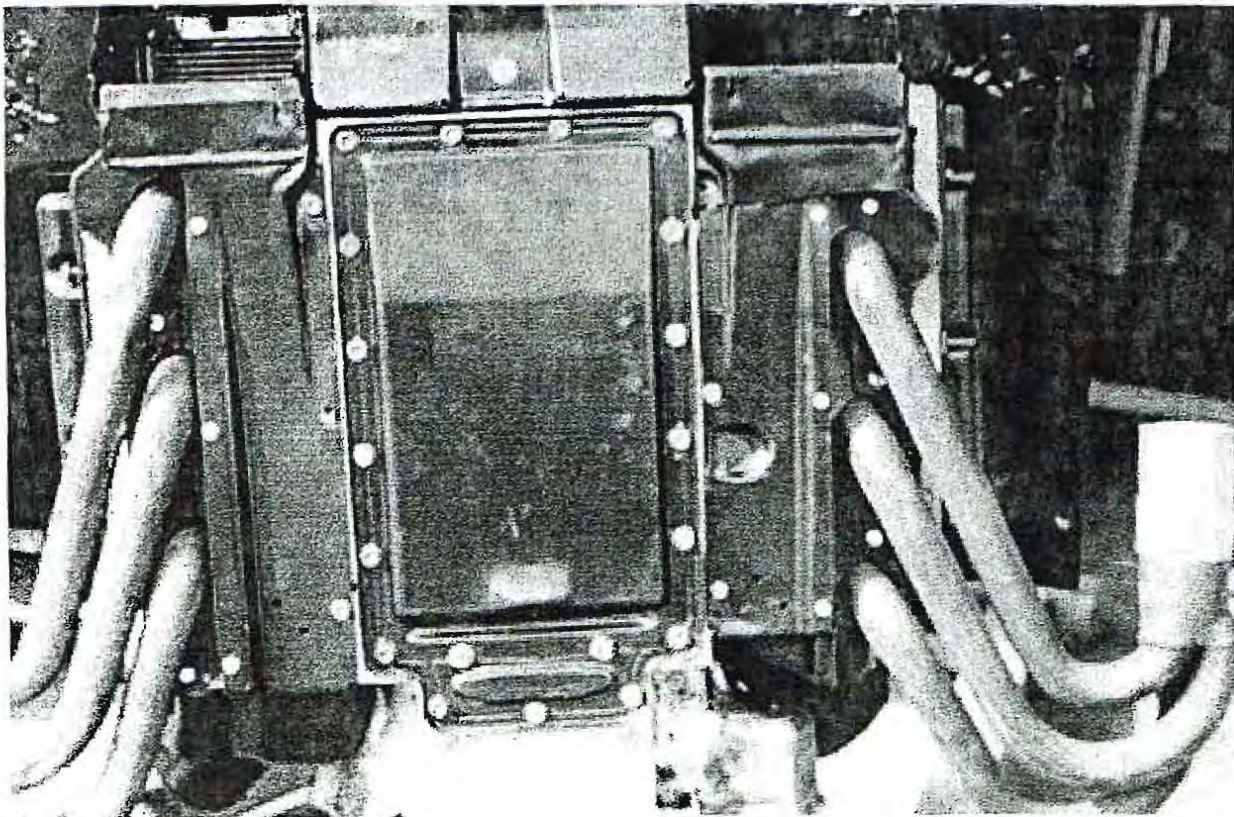
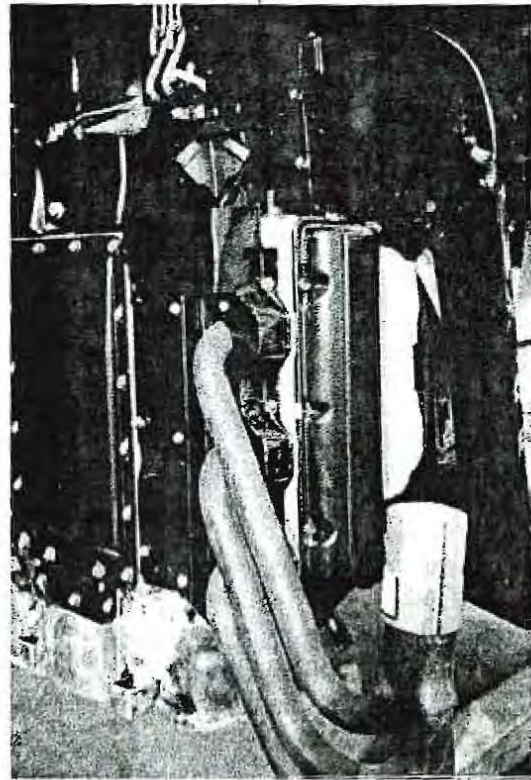
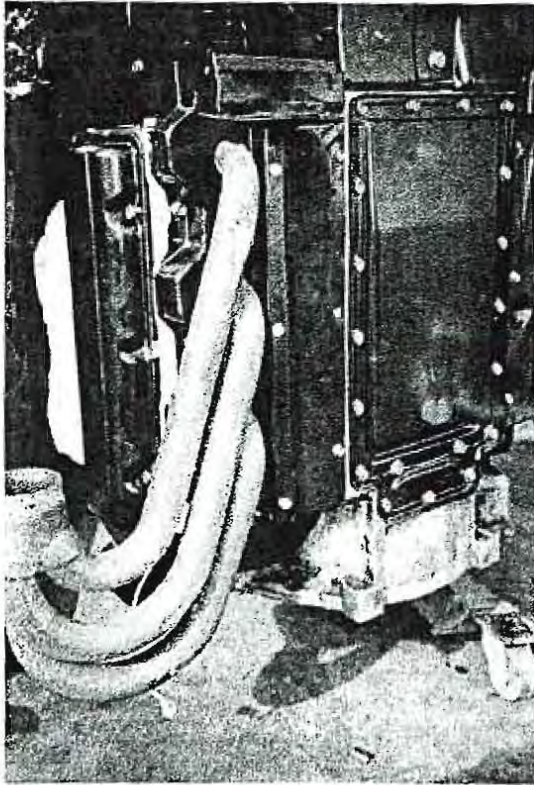
View of the passenger's side without the headers installed.



This is a view looking directly up at the bottom of the engine without the headers install. The location of the screws that hold the cover assemblies together can be seen.



More photos of the system with the headers installed.





## VAIRS & SPARES

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6:00 pm: Parking Lot Bull Session  
6:30 pm: Dinner (optional)  
7:30 pm: Meeting starts

PLEASE CONTACT A  
BOARD MEMBER WITH  
ANY SUGGESTIONS

- Jan 29 Tubac car show *OK!*  
Feb 5 Franklin Car Museum *2:30 p*  
Mar 19 A cruise & brunch.  
Apr 22 Picacho picnic *9:30 Mc Donal*  
May 6 Tune-up & Tech Session *area 7th or*

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Regular Monthly Meeting, Wednesday Jan.26,2000  
TCA Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, Feb.9, 2000  
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