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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION JUNE 1976

1. Our association now totals nineteen members. The association officers are as follows:

Frank McKenna	President
Gordon Cauble	Vice- President
Mark McKenna	Secretary
Chris Cunningham	Treasurer

I think we should give priority to increasing our membership. I have asked John DiLauro to design a handbill that can be used to advertise our association. I envisage each member taking ten or fifteen of these handbills and passing them out to Corvair owners they meet in their travels or placing them under the windshield wipers of Corvairs parked on the street or in shopping centers.

The attached membership card is both distinctive and attractive, largely because of the association logo designed by John DiLauro. Patches and window decals are the next project. Remember, our next meeting is the 4th Tuesday not the last Tuesday. I will see you on the 22nd, same place, 8:00 P.M.. Frank McKenna

2. TECH TIPS

Ever tried to bolt a Saginaw to a '65 Trans Axle? It won't fit! Seems the Pinion Bearing Adjusting Sleeve installed on the '65 Trans Axle will not allow the Saginaw to slide into the Trans Axle. Solution: Order a new sleeve (Part# 3689700), 66 gasket from your Chevy dealer prior to starting. Sleeve takes about three weeks out Flint, Michigan. You also need a new mainshaft, by new I mean larger. Best get it when you pick up the Saginaw.

3. PARTS FOR SALE

Upper top mechanisms for 64 and 65 convertible. Frank McKenna

4. PARTS WANTED

Flat chrome (aluminum) strip for 1964 convertible left front wheel well. Frank McKenna 8858371

5. INFORMATION WANTED

How to wire an alternator on an early model. If someone has this info, maybe he could present it at the next meeting. Call Frank McKenna.

The First
Corvairsation hit
the newsstands
in June 1976



** See History article inside for details.

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Tucson Corvair Association
Established 1975

Corvairsation is a monthly publication of the Tucson Corvair Association, which is dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair model of the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors. The Tucson Corvair Association is a chartered member of the Corvair Society of American (COSA), Chapter 857.

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

Membership Dues are \$15 per year for singles and \$18 per year for families. Initial dues are \$15 for singles and \$22 for families (includes name tags). Make checks payable to Tucson Corvair Association.

Change of Address: Report any change of address or phone number to the Membership Chairperson. Do not report such changes to the Corvairsation Editor.

COSA Membership Dues are \$30 per year (\$70 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the COSA Communique, a monthly publication. COSA membership is not required for membership in the TCA, but is highly recommended. See any TCA officer for more information.

Classified Ads are free to members and \$3.00 per 4-line ad to all others.

Deadline for materials submitted for publication in the Corvairsation is the 10th of month to the Editor.

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Prez Sez

Happy New Year! We in TCA have a really exciting year ahead of us. Lots of great upcoming events to look forward to. The CORSA national convention is coming in June to Flagstaff and anticipation is growing. Keep the last week in June open for this grandest event you will be able to easily attend. We will be helping Cactus Corvair with the convention, organizing the swap meet and running the carbeque. What fun! Be there!

Get ready for another annual tuneup session at the Torpeys' in February, margaritas optional.

The Elvicks have a most generous get-together planned for March. Don't miss it!

Just a reminder. It's that time of year for membership dues. Please remit to Paul Dunn by mail or at the January meeting. Have a great year!!

Barry

JANUARY MIDMONTH JANUARY 26 9 a.m. Breakfast at the Cow Palace in Amado. Exit#48 off I-19. You're there! Don't be late for breakfast! Then at 10 a.m. we will continue down I-19 to exit #40, then under I-19 and south one kilometer on the east frontage road to the Tubac Golf Resort and to the 8th Annual Collector Car Show. Pre-register on the form in last month's Corvairsation. Pre-registration is \$12 per car before January 22 and \$15 thereafter. Corvair cars are class 3 and trucks are class 15.

from the editor.....

Here we are again in a brand new year. That should mean a lot to us in the Tucson Corvair Association. I don't know what your New Years resolutions were, but we can put those aside if you haven't already. With our participation in the convention in Flagstaff and some great mid-month activities we are going to be busy, hope you're looking forward to it.

This month's midmonth activity is the 8th Annual Collector Car Show at Tubac golf Resort with breakfast at the Cow Palace in Amado before the show. Bring along your significant other or a friend, it's a beautiful place with a lot of great cars. There are also vans which run into Tubac for shopping, lunch or whatever. If you haven't been to historic Tubac for a while, come along with your Corvair and have a good time.

I'm really excited about the next two outings for the club, too. Even if your Corvair runs perfectly and needs nothing, join us for the tune-up at the Torpeys' in February. We will have a great bull session. Tire talk? Try the new safety pressure indicator valve cap? Can you identify the mystery Corvair part?

March means Norwegian pancakes from an old family recipe at Elvicks' after the tour. Plan on it now!

Van Pershing researched and put together Corvairsation history featured in this issue. Volume and Numbers have been corrected. Enjoy!

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party December 19 was a very festive and joyous occasion attended by a couple dozen or more TCAers. Our room at the Davis Monahan Officers Club was beautifully decorated in crimson and white. The tables were especially beautiful and the dinners of cordon bleu and prime rib were delicious. Barry and Chris played Santa handing out the gifts and controlling the gift exchange with a gentle touch. Thank you, Gordon and Suzanne Cauble for all the arrangements and planning.

THE BRYAN LYNCH AWARD

Bryan Lynch was an early member of the Tucson Corvair Association. He served in many capacities within the club and served as president in the early 80s. This award, in Bryan's name, is presented to an individual or persons who contribute significantly to the betterment of the club by their presence, support and effort in promoting TCA and the Corvair. That award was presented to Paul Dunn on December 19. Paul setup the TCA website and is the TCA Web Master (www.corvairs.org) and he is also the membership chairman. Congratulations, Paul! Thanks, too, to your wife, Nell, and your father, Art, for their support.

A COOL VAIR AFFAIR

It is only five months until the 2002 CORSA National Convention in Flagstaff, which is hosted this year by our friends at Cactus Corvair in Phoenix. We will be helping by setting up the swap meet and vending eats from the carbque. More on these two efforts in following issues. At the February meeting we will have tickets to sell for the car to be raffled at the convention in June. You won't want to miss this chance to own a beautiful, show quality 1966 Monza convertible with factory air-conditioning, 110 HP, Powerglide in Aztec Bronze. Whoa! Tickets are \$2.50 each.

DUES ARE DUE

Dues are due in January unless you have paid in advance. Dues are \$15 for single membership or \$18 for family membership. Please pay at the January meeting or mail your check to Paul Dunn, 811 N. Igo Way, Tucson, Az. 85710

PATRICIA ZIMMERMANN

Patty Zimmermann passed away January 7. Patty was a long time member of TCA and I remember her fondly. Gordon Cauble and I were just reminiscing about the time Patty, his son and he went to Sierra Vista to drive two Corvairs to Tucson. Our condolences to Fred and the children. Remembrances may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Don Robinson

A Brief History of the CORVAIRSATION

The Official Newsletter of the Tucson Corvair Association

Van Pershing

The very first *Corvairsation* hit the newsstands in June of 1976. The cover of that newsletter is seen on the cover of this *Corvairsation*. That was 308 editions ago. The *Corvairsation* has been published every month since then and, in some ways, has seen some mighty changes and in other ways has been pretty consistent.

One of the ways the *Corvairsation* remained consistent over the years was its cover. The cover shown on the right appears on Volume 1 Number 2, or the second edition of the newsletter (July 1976). The person's name that designed this cover appears in the corner but I can't make out who it was. (Maybe somebody can remember and save this important piece of history!). This design or elements of it have been used ever since.

As near as I can tell John North was the first editor. His name first appears as such in the January 1977 edition. Previous issues showed no credit to anyone who might have been an "editor". John was a member of TCA for many, many years. He passed away several years ago after moving home to Michigan.

In January of 1978, Gordon Cauble took over the editorship. The format (and cover) remained unchanged. Gordon finished his tour of duty with the July 1980 issue.

Ron Richmond then took over the helm for a year. His first issue was August 1980 and he fished with July 1981.

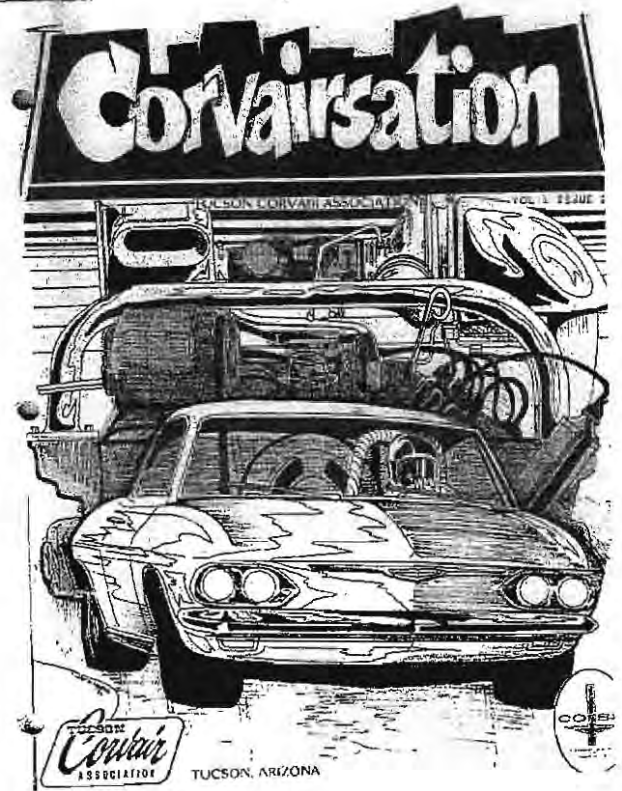
Lou and Lera Lange were the next editors. I remember them well. It doesn't seem like that was over 20 years ago. Their last issue was December 1983.

I suspect the reason I remember them so well is because I was the next editor and worked closely with them in the change-over. I lasted a whole four issues. It was my first experience doing a newsletter and it was great fun. Election to the presidency of the club cut my tour short, or so I thought. Dave Thompson took over from May 1983 until his retirement in October of that same year and then Lee Miller edited the *Corvairsation* until March 1984. In April I was back in the saddle. The club purchased its own copy machine and we were printing 120 copies of the *Corvairsation* a month. In those days we had about 80 members and we shared newsletters with many other Corvair clubs throughout the nation. I remained at the post until May 1992.

Lynn Bloom then took over the duties in June 1992 and carried the torch for six and a half years with the December 1998 issue being her last.

The next editor has served the club faithfully for many, many years in almost every position – including performing more than one duty at a time. In January 1999 Don Robinson took over as Chief Editor and, in fact is the editor of this very edition!

December's issue was called Volume 29 Number 12. I got really excited because I thought that it would be a great opportunity to have a 30th Anniversary Edition of the *Corvairsation*. Well, this just couldn't be since the *Corvairsation* has only been published for 26 years. After a little research I discovered that somewhere along the way during a change in



editors, the numbering system was ignored and got turned around. We have taken this opportunity to correct the numbering system of the *Corvairsation*. This is Volume 26 Number 8!

So that's a little bit about your club's newsletter. I have resolved to start now to help put together that 30th anniversary edition!



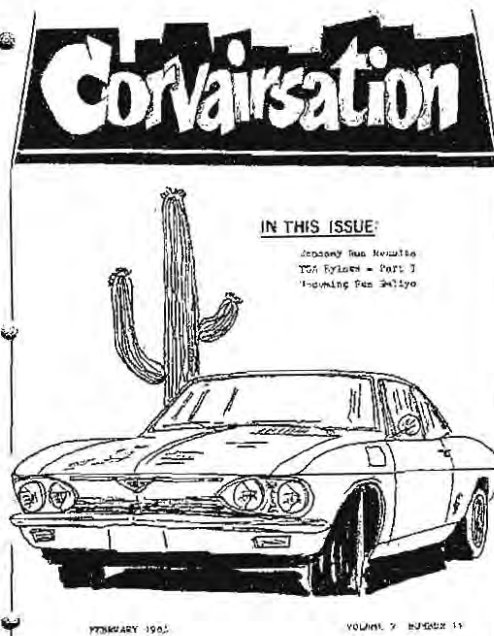
JUNE 1981

The June 1981 issue sported a new look with the change of the "Corvairsation" lettering. It wasn't used exclusively but was changed back and forth with the old at the digression of the editor.



The People's Choice winners at the Park Mall show. From the clockwise, Frank McEenna's 64 Spyder convertible, Pat Mayhew's 66 Corvair turbo-charged coupe, Bob Thompson's 67 Monza 95hp coupe. Congratulations!

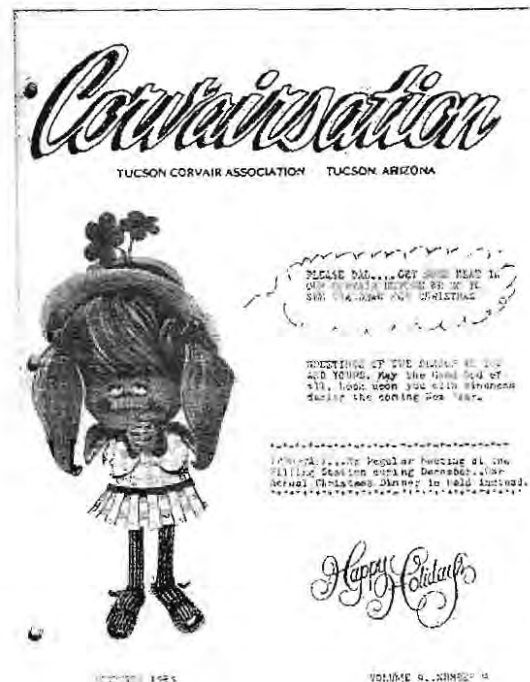
In February 1981 the cover finally changed - It had some pictures. These photos came from the Park Mall Corvair Show that used to be an annual event.



FEBRUARY 1983

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Other issues, such as this one in March 1983, had sketches submitted by club members.



DECEMBER 1983

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This December 1983 cover shows another approach to making an exciting newsletter. Lee Miller always had something different and unusual on the cover!

Spares & Vairs

SOLD
For Sale: 1962 700, 4-door, completely original, good paint, very clean, 50K original miles. Extra original seat fabric. Asking \$1,500. Call Mike at (520) 749-4451 page 032158 or e-mail hotntucsonaz@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1963 Corvair Deluxe, 2 door, 102 HP, AT, Soft Ray Glass, 68K original miles. Bought new at O'Rielly's Chevrolet in Tucson. Needs nothing! \$3400 OBO Don or Betty (520) 886-1076.

For Sale: 1962 4-Door Monza, automatic, factory air conditioning, 85K original miles. \$3250. Call Dick (520) 299-4723.

For Sale: Corvair parts - Large outdoor yard full of Corvairs and parts, Call Barry Cunningham at (520) 747-9028.

For Sale: 1963 Monza Coupe, Red, 4speed, completely restored in and out. Brand new interior and tires. A beauty. \$11,000 invested. Also, 1964 Monza coupe, White, automatic, factory air conditioning, very original, perfect paint, near new tires. Lots of spares. Sell all for \$5,000. Call Don at (520) 743-3346.

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