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JULY MEETING: WEDNESDAY JULY 24

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Minutes of June 19th, 2002 meeting

Chris Cunningham gave the honors to Lance Gillingham, Lance called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

In attendance were Chris Cunningham, Barry Cunningham, Allen Elvick, Gordon Cauble, Paul Dunn, Art Dunn, Lance Gillingham, Ed Segerstrom, Julius Berky, Amy, Emily and John Torpey, Van Pershing, Dave Lynch, Bill Maynard, Don Robinson, Bruce Robinson, Chris Campton, Fred Zimmerman and Mark McKinna

Barry re-iterated the need for volunteers at the convention, there is a full itinerary and any help would be greatly appreciated.

The club had purchased 100 tickets for the conventions raffle car, most of them have been sold prior to the weeks event in Flagstaff and what few were left were going fast.

The clubs '60 coupe was sold to a gentleman in Canada, just above Buffalo, NY. Bruce Robinson volunteered to drive it to Flagstaff. Once the car was for sale on the web it sold promptly for \$3500.00.

That was quick! Surprisingly, for a 42 year old car, it will be the first time the car has traveled over a 50 miles at any one time. We all hope the new owner will get many years of enjoyment out of it.

Several club members had flown to Flagstaff for an overview of the grounds and facilities. It was put to a vote as to whether or not the club would pay for 1/2 the expenses of the flight (\$140.00). It was a majority vote that the club would pay for 1/4.

Van Pershing brought in the T-shirts with the club logo embroidered on the front, members names could be an option. The shirts looked great! Colors available are red, black, white or blue. They are \$18.00 each, member's names are a \$2.00 option and if you have your own shirt that you would like embroidered with the logo that will run \$6.00 for logo and \$2.00 for the name.

There was a break in the meeting and raffle tickets were sold. Donators for the night were Paul Dunn, Mark McKinna and John Torpey. The winners were Barry Cunningham - emergency glow sticks, Allen Elvick - Fab buster spray (for rusty bolts) and Fred Zimmerman - 3/8 socket driver. Next months donators will be Julius Berky and Dave Lynch. Thanks to all.

Chris Campton has 1/18 scale die cast models of a '63 Monza coupe, she has a red one and a blue one left, each are \$18.00. Thanks Chris.

Allen Elvick went over the clubs finances, the beginning balance was \$2392.42. Monies were brought in from ads, raffle tickets, downpayment on the clubs '60 coupe and aluminum cans. Total income was \$1036.80. Our expenses were for Mays Covairsation (\$49.97) and the trivial pursuit rally trophies (\$26.15) Total expenses \$86.12. The ending balance for the month \$3343.10 Thanks Allen

A special thanks to Paul Dunn for his efforts on the clubs web sight management.

Don Robinson wanted to share some Corvair knowledge, regarding the windshield wipers switch, with us. A one speed wiper switch has only two wires where a 2 speed switch has 3 wires. Schematics for a 2 speed switch are not as common, however, it appears that the clubs library may have the answer (and the schematic) Thanks for the tip on the switch Don.

Dave Lynch wanted to share his trying times. He recently installed new springs, for Clarks, in his '64 coupe. A few days later his car "sagged" to one side. He has later found out that the springs are not symmetric, they're asymmetric. We're sorry to hear that kind of news but we do appreciate the info. Thanks Dave.

Mid month activities for Nov will be at the Torpey's for a tune-up clinic, have a problem, bring it on over!

The motion to adjourn came at 8:10 by Chris and was seconded by Lance.

A letter from the President:

The Tucson Corvair Association came away from the annual convention in Flagstaff with a lot to talk about. For those of you who couldn't make it, the annual gathering is THE place to be for Corvair lovers, parts collectors, racers, restorers, and sellers. Jon's Toy Shop was there, owned by Jon Peters (760-749-9014), it specializes in Corvair toys, new and used. Rusty Rose (www.rustyonline.com) was selling his 2003 Corvair Calendars that features 12 different artistic representations of the Corvair. Jim and Laura Wilson, TCA members who live in Grand Junction, Colorado, brought their "Creative Stitches" business along. Charlie Dye, the famous parts vendor from Phoenix, was there, in the right place at the right time for Chris Campton. These are just a few of the many Corvair lovers that attended the largest get-together of Corvairs in the world. It was loads of fun for everyone.

In this issue, learn more about the Flagstaff convention, the Cactus raffle car, Herb Berkman (Man of the Year), our next Tune-Up Clinic, and more.

Happy motoring, Chris Cunningham

Torpey's Tune-up Clinic
Saturday, November 16
10am-2pm with a lunch intermission.
9165 North Desert Ironwood Place. Ph:531-0875.

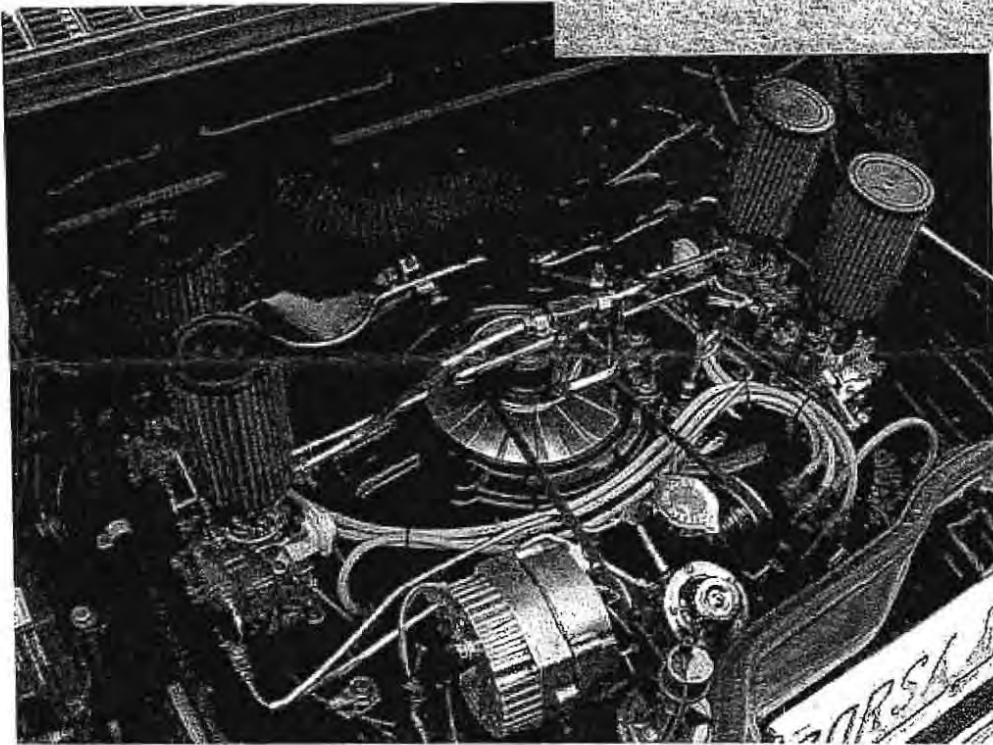
from the editor.....

The above Tune-up Clinic has just been added to the schedule in November, so mark your calendar (received in last month's *Corvairsation*). We had a great time there last time using that new car hoist and I'm looking forward to it again.

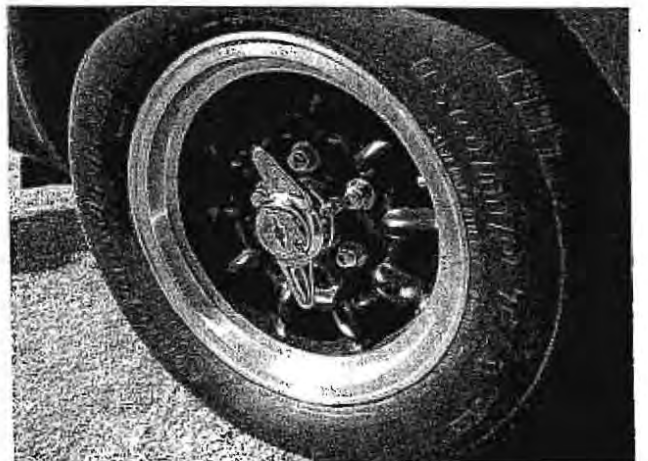
There are no mid-month events in July and August because of the summer heat and the monsoon rains. Even our September mid-month slipped into October with the picnic at Picacho on the 5th.

Still it's not so hot that it has closed down all the Corvair projects here. After finding the rear wheel bearings on the early coupe going to Ontario in need of some lub, the light went on over my head. Sure enough, the '62 700 with only 50 K on the odometer needed its rear axles greased as did the '64 coupe. So, if your early model rear wheel bearings haven't been checked for awhile, now may be a good time. Ask Chris Campton; she had to buy an axle and bearing in Flagstaff.

Herb did it again! Yes he won the Ed Cole Award at the National Corsa Convention in Flagstaff. Hope you like the pictures of his car. Enjoy!



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Wisconsin Man Spends \$5 Gets Cactus Car

Flagstaff, Arizona

Retired used car manager, Al Brown, couldn't believe what he was hearing on the phone late at night on June 29. Very groggy after only an hour of sleep, he and Mrs. Brown were awakened at midnight by a call from their daughter Vicki. Vicki, the wife of Tucson Corvair Association (TCA) President Chris Cunningham, had just called him minutes after learning that his raffle ticket was chosen from a barrel of over 6000 other tickets as the winner of the Cactus Corvair Raffle Car. The car, a beautifully restored 1966 Monza convertible, was acquired by the Cactus Club to be raffled off as the final act at the International Convention in Flagstaff.

Attending the convention with her husband, Vicki was one of over 600 Corvair enthusiasts having dinner in the Rolle Activity Center during the annual banquet, the last event of the weeklong convention. Vicki jumped up from the table and blurted "That's my dad!" as Melvin Brown announced the winner of the raffle. "Yeah right" were his first words as she told him that he was the lucky winner. On vacation in Tucson in April, Mr. Brown was the guest of honor at a regular monthly TCA meeting. At the meeting, he bought two tickets for the raffle from Don Robinson and tucked them away out of sight thinking that if he didn't win it was for a good cause anyway.

Well, it was the best investment he ever made and the only car he has ever won thanks to an organization dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation the Corvair automobile. Until the car is delivered to Mr. Brown in Wisconsin, Chris says he will gladly show it off at the upcoming TCA meetings. "Come and see the car soon, you never know what may happen at a TCA monthly meeting."

More on the CORSA Convention in Flagstaff at the July and August Meetings

e-mail from Jim Diell
and the '60 coupe's
trip from Flagstaff to
Ontario Canada

The driver replies:

200 miles—fuel pump revolted in the heat.

Driver changed fuel pump, ambient temp 110 f. Change took two hours. Not enough tools. Waited for the right farmer to come along and borrowed what I needed.

The rest of the trip was "uneventful" but strange noises and whirs kept me on edge to try to hear changes.

Mileage was right around 30 mpg in your smaller gallons.

Tom Berg in Flagstaff gave me a dwell tach and a timing light so I tuned the car three times and drove lightly and steadily up to 15 hours per day.

Many Hooters.—People saw the car and honked a friendly greeting.

BTW the timing was initially set about 4 or 5 degrees. It was changed to 13 (found the info in Bob Helt's book) and immediately gained many horses.

The moon shone in St. Louis about 2 pm.

Some cheeky young buck had his shorts to his knees while standing on an overhead gantry walkway. He was cranking his right arm to get passersby to honk. No horns heard. His prank was a disaster. Bummer!

Chicago traffic was horrible.

Took a ferry boat from Marine City, Michigan to Sombra, Ont.

Had not informed US Customs 72 hours before taking the car out of the country..Helpful Canadian Customs smoothed the way.

Tires were too small. Odometer was out over 10%. Speedometer was generously optimistic. Even at indicated 80mph everyone went by.

Did pass a few vehicles, one parked, one being pushed, and one dragging a huge load up a mountain near Moonshine, St. Louis.

Had some fun, talked to many strangers and might do this again. Did I s
Jim Diell, with thanks to all of the Cactus folks who treated me so well.

Spares & Vairs

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 of every model. Call Barry
Cunningham (520) 733-7387.

For Sale: 1966 110 hp Corvair-engine. Ran fine until teeth stripped off of the cam gear.
Sitting more than 10 years. Originally equipped for California smog req. No carbs or
alternator. \$150 or offer. Call Herb 95200 751- 9500.

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