

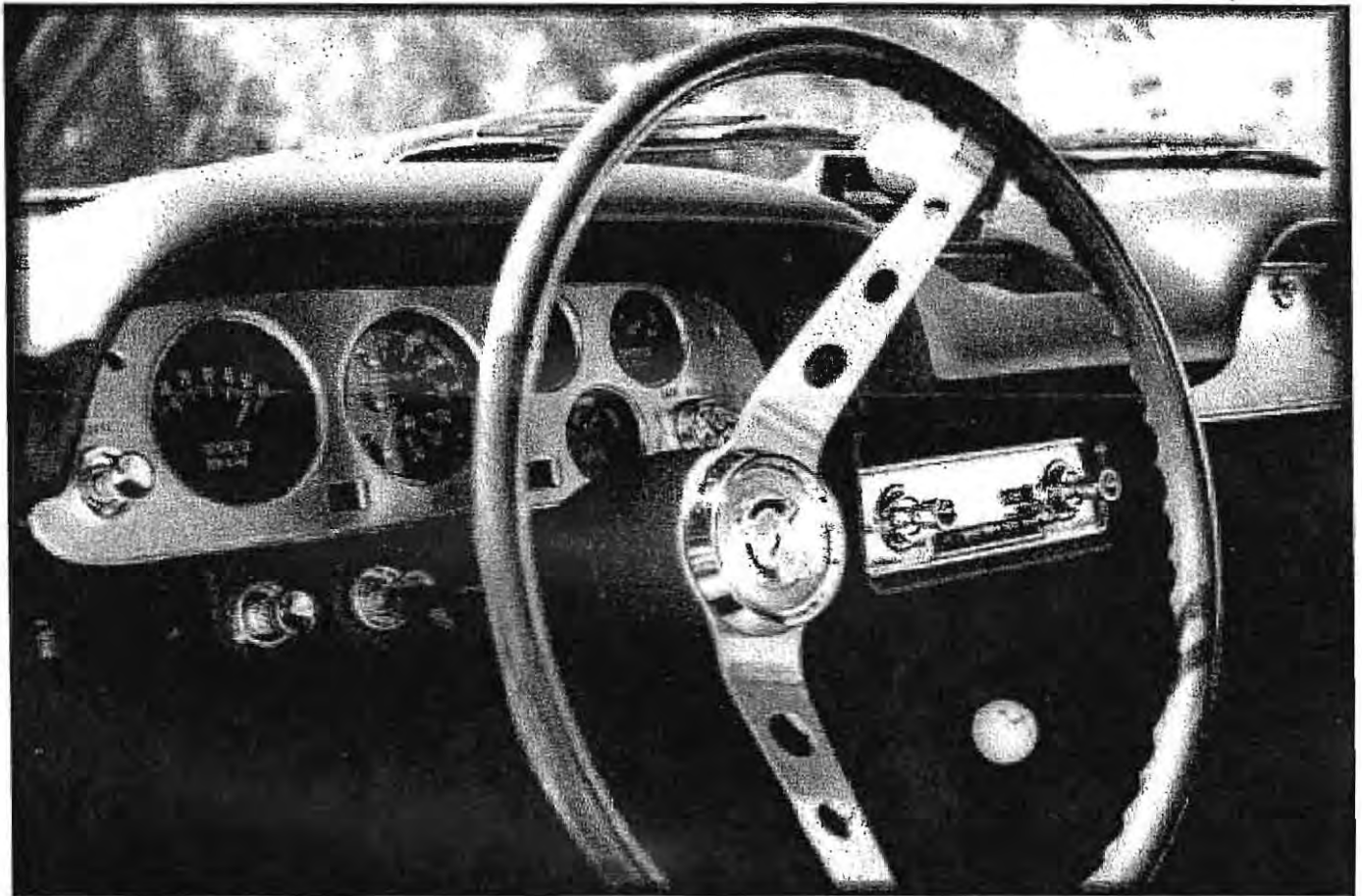


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TCA President's letter May 2002

A letter from the President:

Summer begins June 21 or thereabouts depending on the multitude of oscillations and wobbling motions the earth goes through each day on its axis orbiting around the sun. This summer I predict many Corvairs will reach their greatest northern declination in the city of Flagstaff, Arizona. My '64 convertible will be one of them. After reaching Flagstaff, my car like the sun, will seem to stand still for a few days while the convention's rays extend over the parking lots of Little America and beyond. If everything goes well and my crankshaft's oscillations are smooth, I will have successfully attended my first CORSA convention in 27 years of Corvair ownership.

There are still opportunities for our Club to pitch in and help with the convention. Barry Cunningham is organizing a list of volunteers at the convention. A sign up sheet will be passed around at our June 19th meeting. Remember our June meeting is a week early to allow for those attending the convention June 24-29.

You will notice a new one-page *2002 Calendar of Corvair Events* in this issue. Listed are all the important dates for the Club from June through December. Cut it out and put it in your car or on your refrigerator. Make copies and distribute them to your friends so they know how much class you have because you drive an innovative Corvair.

See you at the convention.

Happy motoring, Chris Cunningham

from the editor-----

It's finally here, the Corsa National Convention in Flagstaff. Some of us have been looking forward to this for two years. Do you want to caravan up there? Let's talk about it at the June meeting coming up Wednesday.

Lance and Chris, and I suspect others, have worked very hard this month detailing the calendar for the rest of year 2002. Thanks to all!

Thanks Van for GT and SS info. From the Automobile Quarterly. Enjoy!

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calendar of events

2002

june

12 WED TCA Board Meeting - Mt. View Restr. 6:30pm.
19 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.
Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.
24-29 W-SAT *Cool Vair Affair* CORSA Int'l Convention, Flagstaff, AZ.

july

5-6 F-SAT *Show Low Summer Classic Car and Truck Show*
Main Street, Show Low, AZ 1-928-537-8181.
10 WED TCA Board Meeting - Location TBA 6:30pm.
24 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.
Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

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14 WED TCA Board Meeting - Mt. View Restr. 6:30pm.
28 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.
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11 WED TCA Board Meeting - Mt. View Restr. 6:30pm.
25 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.
Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

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1 TUE *Drive Your Corvair Today*
5 SAT *Picacho Peak Rendevous and Picnic w/Cactus Corvair Club.*
9am McDonald's 3830 W. Ina, 9:30am convoy to Picacho.
9 WED TCA Board Meeting - Mt. View Restr. 6:30pm.
19 SAT *Casa de los Ninos Car Show* - Tucson Electric Park
7:30am at Ajo Cafe S/E corner of Ajo and Country Club.
23 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.
Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

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7-9 TH-SAT Annual *Fan Belt Toss*-Palm Springs, CA
13 WED TCA Board Meeting - Mt. View Restr. 6:30pm.
16 SAT Mid-Month Activity - TBA
20 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.
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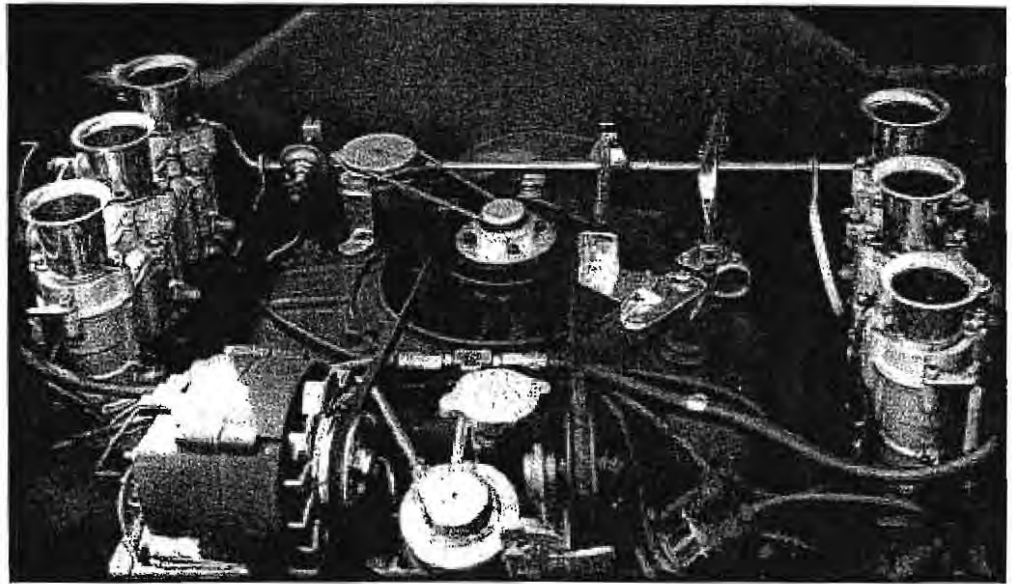
11 WED TCA Board Meeting - Mt. View Restr. 6:30pm.
18 WED Annual *Corvair Christmas Dinner* at DM Officer's Club
Craycroft/Golf Links Entrance 6pm cocktails, 7pm dinner.

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For more information, call Lance Gillingham at 749-4951 or Chris Cunningham at 670-9676.

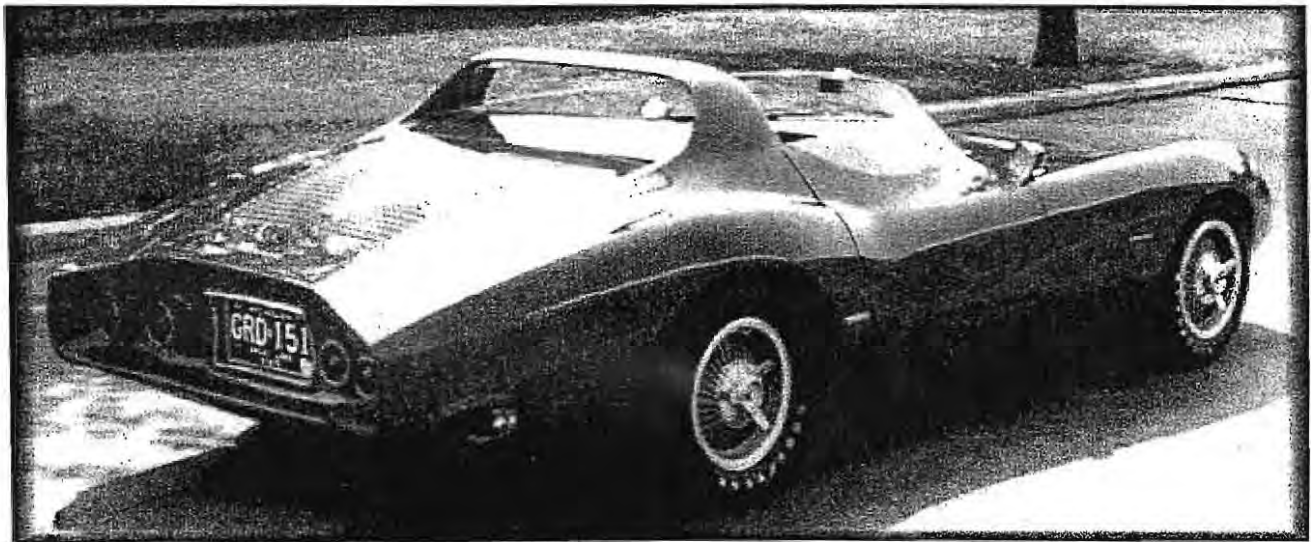
Special Engines for Special Cars

In *Automobile Quarterly*, Vol. 8, Number 4, another article by Ludvigsen says the GT had had an interesting engine, one which was to have powered the '65 production car. A continuation of the pre '59 research, it had a separate one-piece head and barrel casting for each cylinder. With stock carburetion it yielded 125 hp. With GM-built 3-barrel Weber type downdraft carburetors, it ran like a bear with a very capable 176 cu. in. engine.



The SS engine is one classy looking unit. The fan housing and the alternator are done in a black wrinkle finish. This is nice looking but would be a pain to keep clean. The bare metal parts are all chromed.

It occurs to me that specifications for these cars should always include a disclaimer that they constantly changed throughout their development. Imagine the fun you could have had as a development engineer at GM, tinkering with the GT and SS and trying different hardware combinations.



The Monza SS is strikingly similar to the 3rd generation Corvette, which went into production much later, in the 1968 model year.

Minutes of the May 22, 2002 Meeting

Chris Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. In attendance were Barry Cunningham, Don Robinson, Gordon Cauble, Allen Elvick, Lance Gillingham, Paul Dunn, Ed Segerstrom, Van Pershing, Bruce Robinson, and Chris Campton.

Paul and Nell were applauded for all their work in creating and coordinating the Tucson Trivial Pursuit Rally on May 22. There were four cars, three of which were Corvairs, and eight participants. Pat and Julius Berky carried away the first place trophy for getting the most correct answers. Everyone finished at the Cup Caf  in the Historic Hotel Congress for a cool bite to eat afterward.

The Clubs remaining raffle tickets for the Cactus Corvair Club 1966 Monza Convertible were distributed on a consignment basis to members willing to sell them. Don Robinson created a list of the consignees.

Van Pershing exhibited the new version of the TCA polo shirts with embroidered club logo and member name and took orders from members present. New red Hanes 100% cotton shirts will cost \$18.00 without embroidered member name and \$20.00 with embroidered member name. Van can be reached at 743-9185 for additional orders.

It was decided that we should reschedule the June regular monthly meeting to Wednesday, June 19 to accommodate the members that are attending the International Convention in Flagstaff June 24-29.

Lance reported that the Cactus Corvair Club is only able to meet our Club for the Picacho Peak rendezvous on Saturday, October 5th. Therefore it was decided that the TCA would forego a mid-month in September and have two in October. The annual Casa Car Show is on Saturday, October 19.

Gordon Cauble has secured Wednesday, December 18 for our annual Christmas dinner at the Davis Monahan Officers' Club.

A 2002 calendar of TCA events will be published in June newsletter.

Allen Elvick and Gordon Cauble donated prizes for the meeting raffle. Chris Cunningham and Ed Segerstrom were the lucky winners.

Barry Cunningham and Paul Dunn volunteered to bring gifts for the June meeting raffle.

Bruce Robinson volunteered to drive the donated 1960 Monza coupe to Flagstaff for the new owner to pick up.

Van, Paul, Chris, Allen, and Barry volunteered to help inventory the parts in storage at Al Crispin's garage on Sunday June 9th, pending approval from Al Crispin.

Don delivered a "Joke of the Day" just before Allen motioned for adjournment. Paul seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

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