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A letter from the President:

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> was a good day for transportation. The Clubs inventory of new and used Corvair parts was transported to a new location after many years in the Crispins garage. John and Amy Torpey are now the overseers of the collection. A new inventory was started on Saturday which, once completed, can be viewed on the Clubs website. The disposition of the parts will remain the same with top priority going to members first. The Club is indebted to the Crispins for many years of storage. Lance Gillingham was instrumental in making the change, as was the Dutcher family for helping out with the big move.

Another change that will take effect soon involves the Clubs library. After over twenty years as custodian of the many books, manuals, papers, etcetera concerning the Corvair, Dave Baker will pass the librarian responsibilities over to Lance Gillingham, our current Vice President. Dave Baker deserves a Ph.D. in Library Science for his diligent efforts in maintaining and expanding the archives over the years.

Members attending the November meeting can expect to see the latest batch of new embroidered Club shirts from Van Pershing. Quantities are limited so act fast. Orders can be placed directly with our Treasurer Allen Elvick or any other officer.

Wednesday, December 18 marks the day for our annual Corvair Christmas Dinner at Davis Monthan Officers Club. Details follow regarding the holiday festivities. Make sure you have a pair or two of gloves in the glove compartment that night because it might be cold. In the meantime, go get yourself some attention in your best holiday hardtop or convertible. Corvairs are good for that.

Happy motoring, Chris Cunningham

Tucson Corvair Association  
Mountain View Restaurant  
1220 East Prince Road

#### Minutes of the October 23, 2002 Meeting

Chris Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. In attendance were many notable Corvair owners and enthusiasts including a few aspiring Corvair owners to be. Absent was the Recording Secretary.

Membership was increased by the addition of Chris and Frank Sharp, proud owners of a 1962 Greenbriar and other models which may or may not be Corvairs. Membership now stands at 39 member families. This figure represents a steady growth over the last few years according to Paul Dunn the Member Chairperson.

Project updates included a vague comment on the possibility of becoming a non profit 501 (c) 3 organization by Chris Cunningham. Lance Gillingham filled everybody in on the itinerary for Saturday November 9th.

The Club received and subsequently deposited in the bank a check for \$200 from the Cactus Corvair Club for assisting them with the International Corvair Convention in Flagstaff in June.

Raffle prizes were donated. Winners were Chris Cunningham and Vallya Ceitlina.

Don and Bruce volunteered to bring raffle prizes in November.

Gordon Cauble shared a tech talk with the members regarding the intricacies of HEI on his early model.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

CHRISTMAS PARTY  
December 18, 2002  
Davis-Monthan AFB Officers Club  
Social Hour 6pm      Dinner 7pm  
Turkey with all the trimmings  
Stuffing and mashed potatoes  
Green beans almondine Bread and butter  
Salad and Coffee  
Open Bar

From the editor.....

Torpeys' tune-up clinic was Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, and we started setting up the Corvair Store with parts previously stored at Al Crispin's. We will inventory and actively market these parts to TCA members. Thank you, Al, for selling and storing the parts all that time! Thanks, too, to the Torpeys' for their hospitality and a great lunch.

Welcome new members Frank and Chris Sharp; we are glad to have you back. The Sharps were members years ago and have several early convertibles.

Kudos: Thank you, Bill Miller and Barry Cunningham, for raffle gifts for the Picacho Picnic. Also, thank you, Cactus Corvair Club, for the \$200 gift for our assistance with the convention in Flagstaff.

Six of us TCAers were at the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs and as usual they had a great swap meet. The games and competition events were missing, but we had a good time. The 1963 Spyder coupe was won by Jim Craig (Mr. Ultra Van).

As usual, the Casa Show was a big success, even though you didn't win that rare Corvette. Thanks to all who participated and to Van for the pictures on the following pages. Enjoy!

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Cut here and mail:

Christmas Party Reservations:      Number in your party \_\_\_\_ X \$16 = \_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Allen Elvick  
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You must have a reservation to enter the Base!

Also, please bring 1) a gift to exchange for each member in your party,  
2) a can or two of food for the Tucson Food Bank.

Merry Christmas !! And Ho ho ho!!

Reservations must be postmarked no later than Dec. 5, 2002.

# Corvairs Rule at the 2002 Casa de los Niños Car Show

As usual the Tucson Corvair Association's display at the Casa Car Show on October 19, 2002 was a great display of the Corvair automobile. The Corvair display had a plethora of early models as well as a nice showing of late models and only one FC. There were 14 Corvairs at the TCA display among the over 600 cars in attendance.



Allen Elvick's 1960 4-door



Chris Cunningham's 1964 convertible



Dave Baker's 1967 2-door



Dave Lynch's 1962 coupe



Don Robinson's 1963 Rampside



Roger Finkenbine's 1964 convertible



Dean and Sandy Dutcher's 1965 convertible



Ed Segerstrom's 1964 convertible



Lance Gillingham's 1966 convertible



Don and Bruce Robinson's 1962 4-door



Gordon Cauble's 1963 Spyder convertible



Dawn Elvick's 1964 convertible



Van Pershing's 1965 Corsair



Herb Berkman's 1965 Yenko Stinger



The Casa people are obviously not very picky about who they'll let into the show!



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7:00 pm: Meeting starts

Both at Mountain View Restaurant

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