

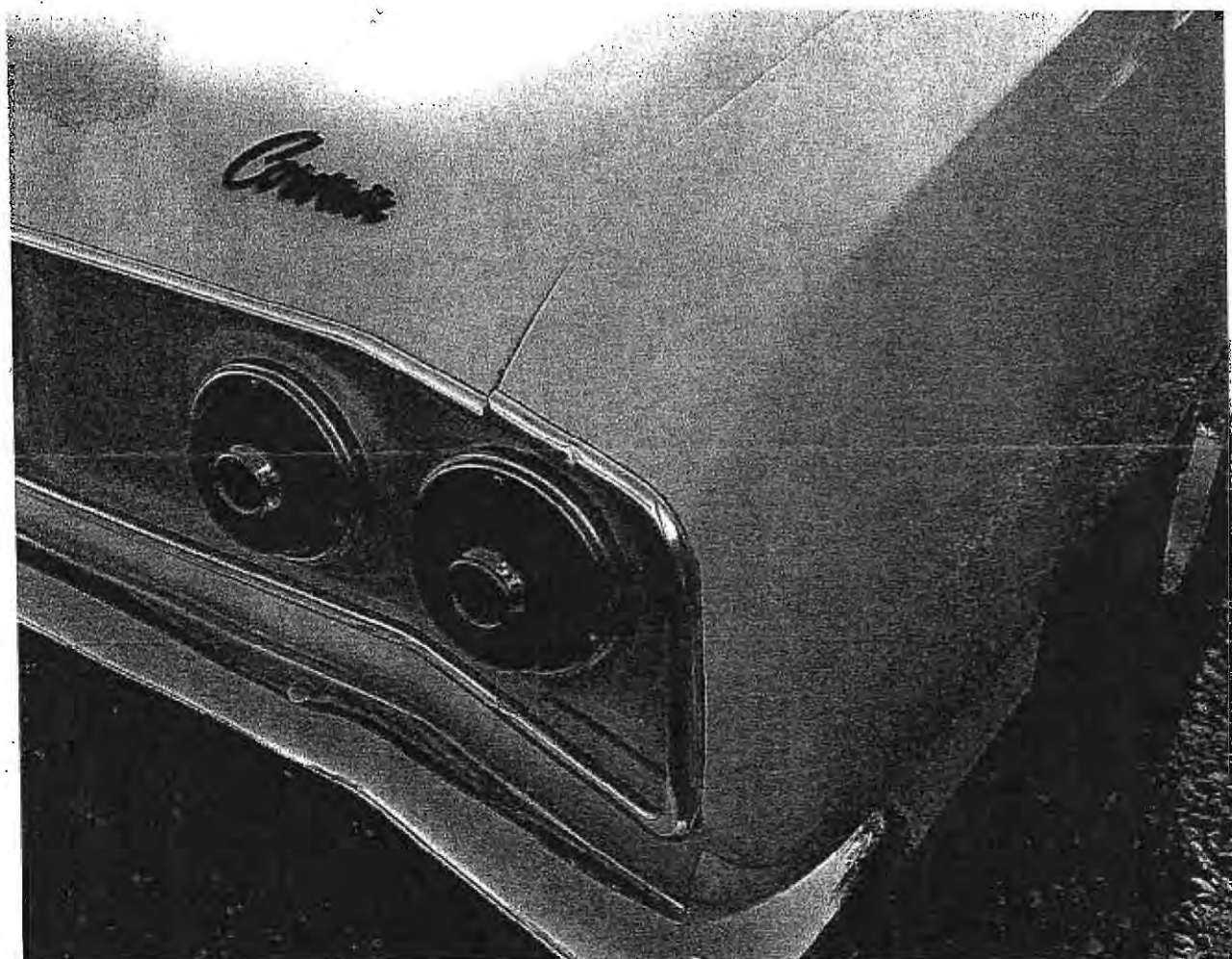


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July 23, 2003, meeting called to order at 7:16 and was adjourned at 8:28.

Members present: Chris Cunningham, \*Barry Cunningham, \*Don Robinson, Paul Dunn, Art Dunn, Chris & Frank Sharp, Sandy Dutcher, Dave Baker, Nancy Goodman, Allen Elvick, Gordon Cauble, Tim & Robin Green and daughter, Herb Berkman, Ed Segerstrom,  
\* Members that drove their cars to the meeting.

Chris asked for the people that went to the convention to tell us about what happened. People that attended were Herb & Jonni Berkman, Gordon Cauble and John Young. John and Gordon drove out towing John's car. Herb flew out. And Ed Segerstrom was driving out with Miriam in their RV.

Ed and Miriam were not able to complete the drive to the convention, do to an unforgettable accident. They are both going great but the RV and the suburban will never be the same. To save them from having to read about it I have left out the details. WE are all just grateful they are ok and back with us.

Herb said it was nice but dual. They arrived the weekend before so it was a long wait. Tuesday they took a tour to Gettysburg that was interesting. Wednesday the Rally took place, the difference this year was that there was no time limit to complete the course. Thursday morning they took a tour to the Harley Davis Plant, which was fun for both. The concord had 77 cars this year. There was 127 cars total to vote on. He disliked that there was not much going on in the evenings. Some of the time at the hotel was spent counting semis as they passed since the hotel was on the corner of 3 major highways. On Friday for the auto cross they had about 90 entries. During the Economy Run on Saturday the best mileage was 44 miles to the gallon. Herb took his rental car with Jonni and Gordon going along for the ride (he had 32 miles to the gallon). The banquet was nice but most of the people getting awards sat in the back of the elongated room. The Ed Cole Award was given to Rusty Rose from TX. Herb made a CD of the photos he took so everyone could see. John Young did receive the Senior Award with 94 points. Chris will be asking John to speak about how they judge the cars. Herb said that you need a 90 or better score to receive the Senior Award and you need to attend for the next 4 years or so to keep the status. If you fail to attend then you start all over again. Sorry I do not know much about this part so please as Herb or John.

Herb was given a copy of the VHS for next year convention in Leighton, Kentucky, June 15-19, 2004. Chris hopes to show it at one of the meetings.

Chris brought in the gifts we will send out to the sponsors of our website. They were framed to everyone's liking.

Herb talked about the Fan Belt Toss coming up this fall in Palm Springs. The other car club he is a member to will be sponsoring it this year. He would like to bring back the creeper race. He explained how they are set up and most everyone was interested in how they raced. He talked about other races that have been on in the past.

Don was asked to tell about the Pool party. We had 17 members and 5 kids enjoying the great hot dogs and hamburgers that Don cooked, and a variety of other dishes.

Don still has club merchandize for sale, get your before he runs out.

Allen gave the treasure report. We started out with \$4819.50 received \$15 in ticket sales for the raffle at the convention. And we paid \$40 for the left over tickets. The ending balance was \$4794.50. He thanked Chris and Don for purchasing items as need, then turning in receipts at the meeting.

Paul now has a computer and hopes to have the website updated very soon.

5 prizes were carried in. We did a special drawing for those how has driven the car to the meeting for June and July.

Don received the first gift of an Oil filter PF4. Tim received a T-shirt from the Convention this year. Sandy received 75 new shop rags (she will be using to wrap up her dishes next month). Barry received a Hand wash mitt. Allen received a Hot Wheels Corvair 8 Car brought all the way back from the Convention.

Dave and Nancy told us about their vacation to his family's ranch in Nevada.

Gordon told a joke he heard from the bus driver on a tour of Amish countryside.

Dean, I and the kids would like to thank everyone for the friendship and helpfulness this year. We are sad in to leave our friends but Dean's job requires us to move to Chico, Ca area. Please give us a call if you end up in the neighborhood.

Kris Sharp has offered to take of as Recording Secretary, thanks Kris.



## A Letter from the President

The 2003 CORSA International Convention has come and gone and Corvair people everywhere are looking forward to and planning the next convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Members John and Amy Young made the trip to Carlisle this year and came home with a gold trophy for receiving 94.46 points in the Concours competition (1961 Coupe - Early Modified). Congratulations John!

TCA Recording Secretary Sandy Dutcher is about to make a trip to Chico, California. The Dutcher family will relocate to Chico area to pursue new employment. Sandy was our secretary for only a short time but made a lasting impression on the club thanks to her dedication, generosity, and enthusiasm. We will miss Sandy, Dean, Heather, Sean, and the convertible. Thank you and the best of luck in California. Chris Sharp will succeed Sandy as the Recording Secretary.

Elsewhere in this issue read about the club's newest addition, upcoming Corvair activities, and find out what a Corvair and a Miata have in common.

Happy motoring!



## 1966 Monza Donated to TCA

A new project appeared on the Club's horizon this summer in the form of a 1966 Corvair Monza. The white coupe was donated to the club by Joe Van Wyk, a retired part-time Tucson resident. Mr. Van Wyk, who had owned the car for about 12 years, acquired the car in California before moving it to Albuquerque where he spends time away from Tucson. According to Mr. Van Wyk, the car's engine was rebuilt at approximately 82000 miles. The car had 91790 miles on it when it was parked a few years ago while undergoing a restoration.

The car has an automatic transmission, a white interior in very good condition, an intact body needing new paint; a new headliner along with numerous new and rebuilt parts for the restoration were included with the car. Gordon Cauble initiated the donation and Herb Berkman and Chris Cunningham towed it to temporary storage using Herb's trailer. Further assessment will determine the next step in the project.

## TCA Events at a Glance

### AUGUST 2003

27 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm.  
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting  
starts at 7pm. Mountain View  
Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road

### SEPTEMBER 2003

3 WED TCA Board Meeting 6:30pm.  
El Dorado Restaurant 1949 S. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ave. at 29<sup>th</sup> Street 622-9171

13 SAT *Cavalcade to Ft. Huachuca*  
*Calvary Museum* 9am. Meet at  
Triple T Truck Stop, 5451 E.  
Bensen Hwy. (I-10 & Craycroft).  
Tour followed by Picnic.

14 SUN *Old Pueblo Miata Club Rally*  
1:30pm-5pm. Meet at Uno's,  
10180 N. Oracle Rd. 878-0222  
Info: Don Sobey - 742-1432

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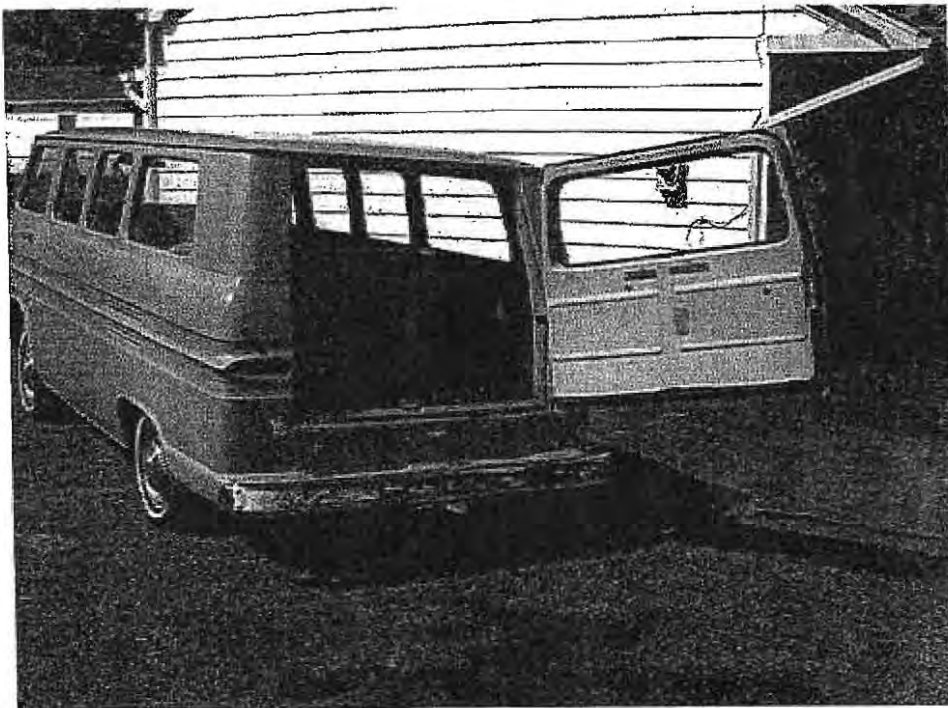
Call Chris at 670-9676 to inspect the car,  
or to offer a hand in putting it back on the road.



Joe Van Wyk's donated '66 Corvair Monza at  
rest in Chris' downtown storage facility.

## ***Cool Greenbrier Rear Door Modification***

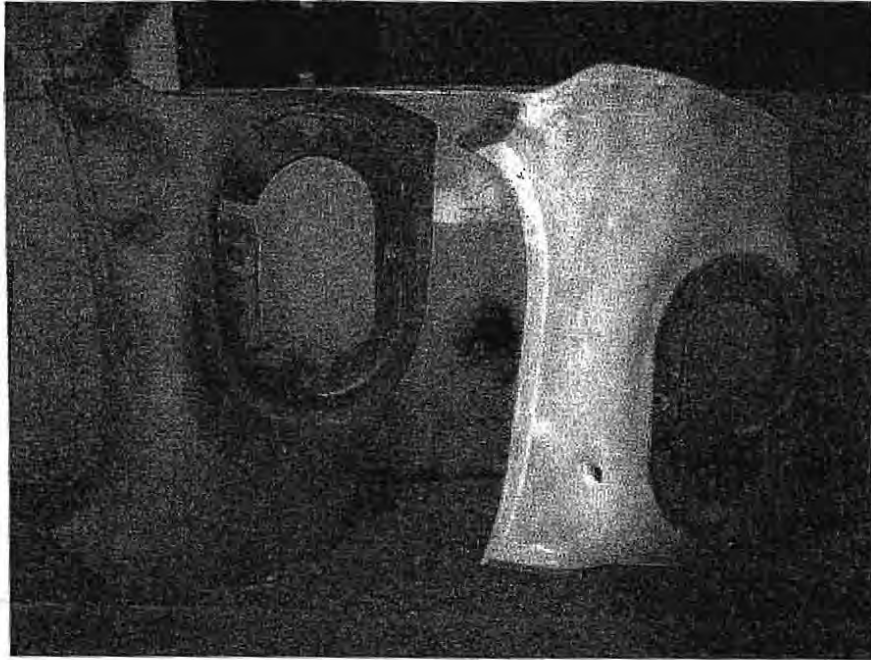
Here's a couple of views of Gary Swiatowy's Greenbrier. The door mods were made by the previous owner and demonstrate another way a great van can be made greater. More photos of this Greenbrier can be seen at [www.corvair.ca](http://www.corvair.ca).



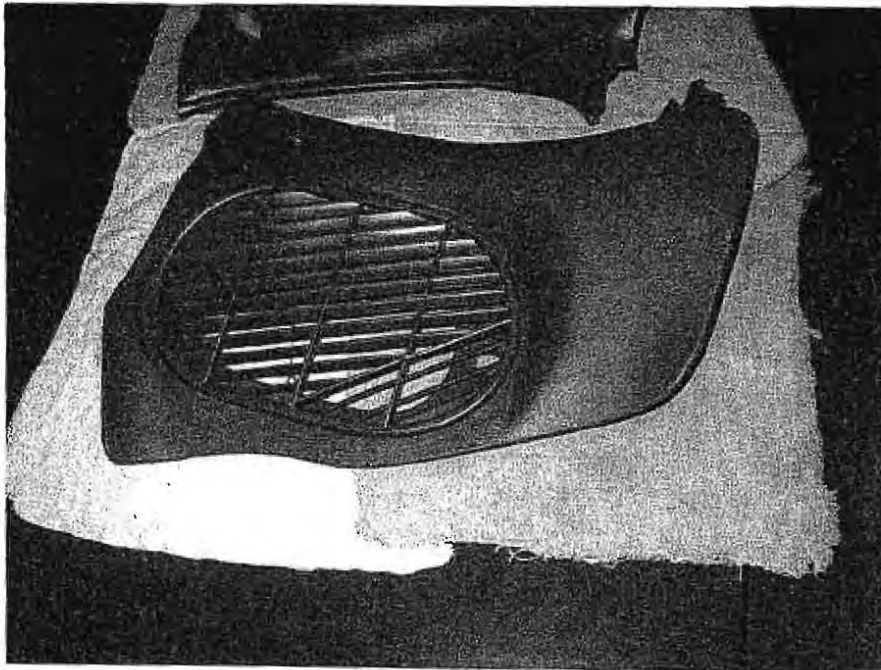
# Late Model Kick Panel Restoration

These photos were stolen from [www.corvair.ca](http://www.corvair.ca)

To say these red kick panels were shot was an understatement! They just jumped out and said the whole car is junk to me. So, I set out to clean them up just a bit.



Step one was to glass bead them and you can see right away the beaded one on the left had already fixed the problem by cleaning off all of the decomposed plastic. At that point I considered just using a vinyl restorer or wax and calling it done, but decided to apply a vinyl color coat. (Paint)



This pictures show the results.



## Spares & Vairs

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*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 (520) 751-9500.*

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IS THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
(Except as scheduled in December)

Meeting Place: Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 E. Prince Road

Parking lot bull session at 6:00 pm - Dinner at 6:20 (optional)

Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm

from the editor.....

As you have probably heard, Ed and Miriam Segerstrom unfortunately didn't make it to Carlisle and were involved in an accident near Columbia, Missouri. Although their Suburban and trailer were destroyed, we are glad they were not seriously hurt.

Please note on the "TCA Events at a Glance" calendar that our mid-month events are starting. First is a tour of the Fort Huachuca Calvary Museum on Saturday, September 13, then a gimmick rally the next day with the Miata Club. Dave Baker, in his many travels, met Don Scobey and received an invitation for TCA members to join them in the rally. The British Registry members have been invited too, so it should be a lot of fun. A driver and navigator are required in each car. The route is straight forward with no difficult directions and will last about two and a half hours and total distance of 70 miles. UNO's is a great gathering place. Hope you will be there!

At our August meeting we will be discussing the Club's new project, which is the gift of a 1966 monza coupe and I'm certain President Cunningham will stimulate us as he usually does!

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to the Dutchers as they relocate to California. No, none of them are running for Governor. Enjoy!

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