



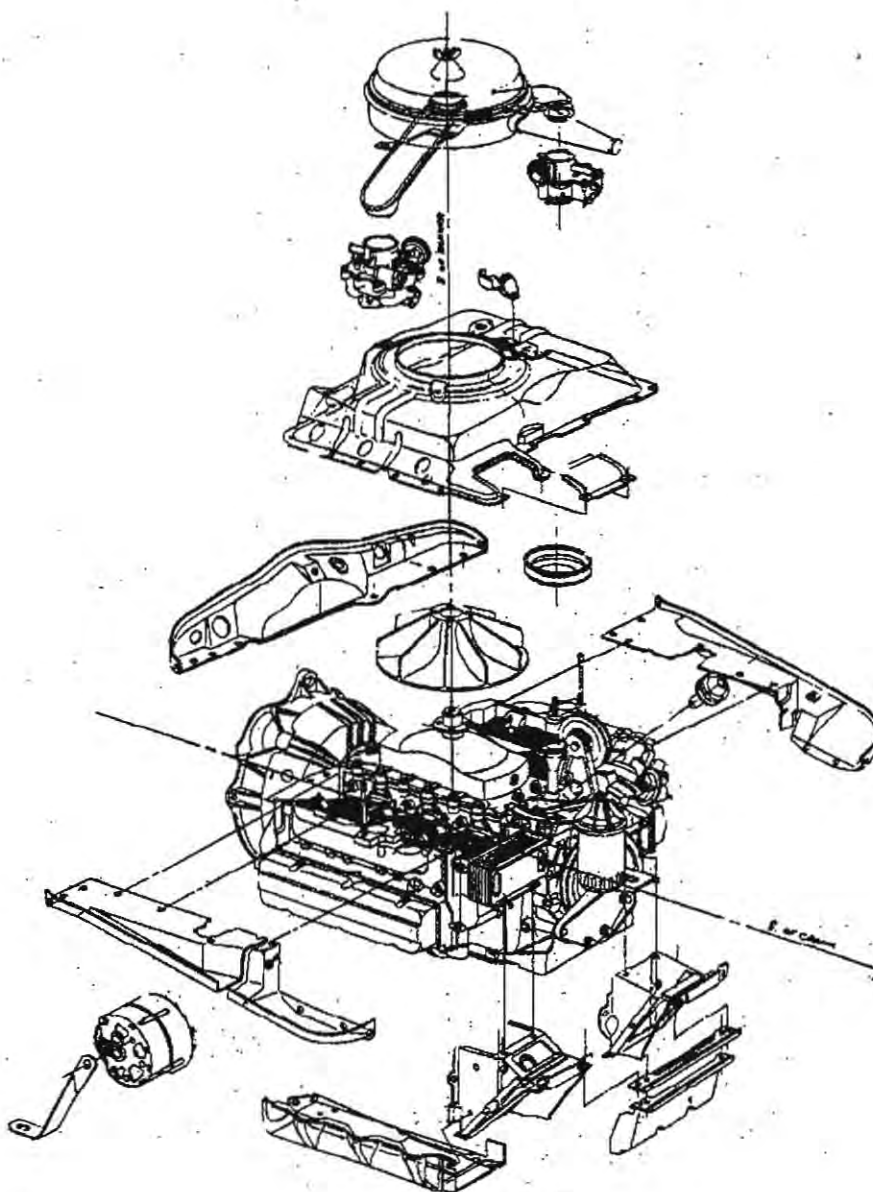
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



BRYAN LYNCH AWARD GOES TO DON ROBINSON

ELECTIONS ARE COMING IN FEBRUARY

DUES ARE DUE

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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 (CORSAs), 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.

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from the editor-----

2003! Here we go, another exciting year for the TCA'ers. Don't miss the January meeting. Chris is going to video up the latest Corvair products from Clark's Corvair. This also the month everyone renews their membership in Tucson Corvair association. I'm sure Allen will be ready to accept your dues at this meeting, and your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

The Club mid-month this month is the Car Nuts Tubac Golf Resort Show in Tubac. Even if you are not registered for the show, we are meeting at the Cow Palace in Amado (I-19, exit #48) for breakfast at 9 AM. It's a nice drive and you will enjoy the breakfast. Then, you can continue on to Tubac and see the cars on display, plus, there are many adventurous things to do in Tubac and the nearby area. Visit the Santa Cruz chile factory and/or lunch at Wisdom's just a couple miles/kilometers down the frontage road. Tubac Golf Resort is at exit#40, then go under I-19 and south on the east side access road.

Elections in February. If asked, please serve or, better yet, volunteer.

The member survey in this *Corvairsation* is very important in making TCA the best it can be. Thank you for your input.

Enjoy!



ENGINE OIL ----- How long do you run it in your Corvair engine? Why change it at all? Well, I don't know and I vacillate a great deal on the subject. I really like the story a friend, Wayne Stevens, tells.

Wayne's father-in-law, Cameron

St John, had an apple orchard in Pennsylvania, and to work the orchard he purchased a new John Deere, Model 80, in 1939. Cam worked the little Deere continuously for 18 years in the orchard, then had to add other tractors to handle an additional work load. Still the '39 model was used for its share of the work.

In 1976 Cam decided to retire and in that decision he would sell the little Deere at auction with the provision that he get \$500 minimum as his price or he would keep it. The bids stopped at \$250 so he still had the tractor.

Cam retired, came to Arizona, and purchased ten acres and started a peach orchard (yes, it's hard to retire). Again, the '39 Deere was put to work in the orchard. After twelve years, Cam retired again and he gave the tractor to his daughter, Phyllis, Wayne's wife.

So, what's this got to do with OIL?

Be patient!

One day Wayne started to change oil in the '39 Johnny and up drives Cam. The new cans of oil were set out by the engine and Wayne was cleaning the renewable oil filter (remember those?). Cam got all excited, "What are you doing, what are you doing! You are going to ruin the engine!" Wayne responds, "I'm just changing oil in the tractor". Cam, "I never put new oil in that engine, I've always used oil drained out of my truck".

So there you go, and the regular oil change! That little Deere still runs perfectly today and can work an orchard or any other job as well as that first day in 1939.

Got an oil story? Or any other true story? Let's hear it! Don.

February = Corvair tune-up at Barry's

A Letter from the President

Happy New Year! to all Corvair lovers out there. 2002 was a benchmark year for the Club. According to our Membership Chairperson, Paul Dunn, the Club's membership is stable and stronger than ever. Our Treasurer, Allen Elvick, reports that our treasury is healthier than it has ever been, thanks in part to several contributions from our membership. We saw our monthly meeting locations change. We watched our members win awards at the International Convention. The Club made several donations to Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. In more ways than one, the Club made a positive impact on the members and the community in 2002.

2003 promises to be even better. We are planning some adventurous mid-month activities for the upcoming year: a cave run, a rendezvous at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior, car shows, a swim party, a tune-up clinic, and more. (Look for details in the February *Corvairsation*.)

We want to hear from our membership. In order to get to know each other better and meet your Corvair needs, the Club is distributing a survey in this newsletter. We welcome any feedback or advice you can give us to make the Club more fun and useful.

Happy motoring,



January Meeting Features Clark's Corvair Parts Video (Part 1)

Clark's Corvair Parts Inc. in Shelburne Falls, MA, has just sent us a video of their products and 2002 tour of their business. Clark's consists of a husband and wife team and over thirty employees reproducing and selling over 10,000 different Corvair parts and accessories. The video will be shown in two parts due to its length. This is a very entertaining presentation of an outfit we all know and love dearly. Do not miss it!

TCA Events at a Glance

JANUARY

- 8 WED TCA Board Mtg. Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone, 6:30pm
- 22 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm. Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road
- 25 SAT 9th Annual Collector Car Show Tubac Golf Resort 10-3pm
9am - meet at Cow Palace in Amado for breakfast

DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

FEBRUARY

- 12 WED TCA Board Mtg. Yankee Doodle Pizza, 1929 E. Grant Rd. 6:30pm
- 22 WED Tune-up Clinic at Barry's 362 N. Bull Run Dr. 10am-2pm 733-7387
- 26 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm. Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road. (Election of Officers)

Election of Officers to Take Place at February Meeting

February marks the annual election of officers for the Tucson Corvair Association. Officers elected at the February meeting will assume their duties on the first day of March 2003. The nominating committee has been hard at work identifying likely candidates.

Gordon Cauble, working in secrecy with the other nominating committee members, will announce the candidates and solicit input from the membership during the January meeting.

Tucson Corvair Association Member Survey 2003

(Please bring to next meeting or return via postal service to Chris Cunningham,
1026 S. 7th AV, Tucson, AZ 85701-3010. An email version of this is available upon request.)

1. What Corvairs do you own? _____
2. What Corvair projects are you working on? _____
3. What do you need help with? _____
4. What do you need done that you think you cannot do yourself? _____
5. Do you drive your Corvairs? _____
6. If your Corvair is inoperative, what is needed to get it operative? _____
7. What Corvair activities would you participate in (parade, autocross, rally, econo-run, tour, etc)?
other _____
8. What is your interest in the Corvair Club (tech sessions, events, meetings, socials, newsletter, etc)?
other _____
9. What is best about TCA? _____
10. What do we need to change? _____
11. What activity would you suggest for this next year? _____
12. How can you be more involved with TCA this year? _____
13. What kinds of Corvair skills do you possess? _____
14. How can you help other TCA members? _____
15. What keeps you from attending more TCA activities? _____
16. What keeps you from driving your Corvair? _____
17. What days are best for you to attend meetings/activities/events? _____
18. What kind of work do you do? _____
19. Is your spouse active/interested in Corvairs? _____
20. What could we do to encourage your spouse to be more active with TCA? _____

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How to Keep Your Corvair Alive
Corvair Reference Guide
Servicing thr Corvair-Powerglide Transmissions
Corvair Decade
Corvair Affair
How to Hot-rod Corvair Engines
Chilton's Repair and Tune-up Guide for the Corvair
Unsafe at Any Speed, Ralph Nadar
Stories from a Twentieth-Century Life, Sears
Corvair History and Restoration
Clark's Corvair Parts Catalog, 1999-2002
Wall's Underground Corair Parts Catalog, 1999
Car Collectors' Magazine, 1979
Windmill. 3-1-71 to 10-1-72
Corsa Communique, 1972 to current issue
Corvairsation, 1979 to present issue
Corvair Tech Guide, 1996
Southwest Corvair Catalog. 1997

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National Convention, 1990, Ontario, CA
Pot Luck Party, 1991, Bakers

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Spares & Vairs

For Sale: 1962 4-Door Monza, automatic, factory air conditioning (it works), 85K original miles. 102 hp, Original white Paint and beautiful original interior with front bucket seats. Now reduced to only \$2250. Drive anywhere! 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 (520) 751-9500.

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