



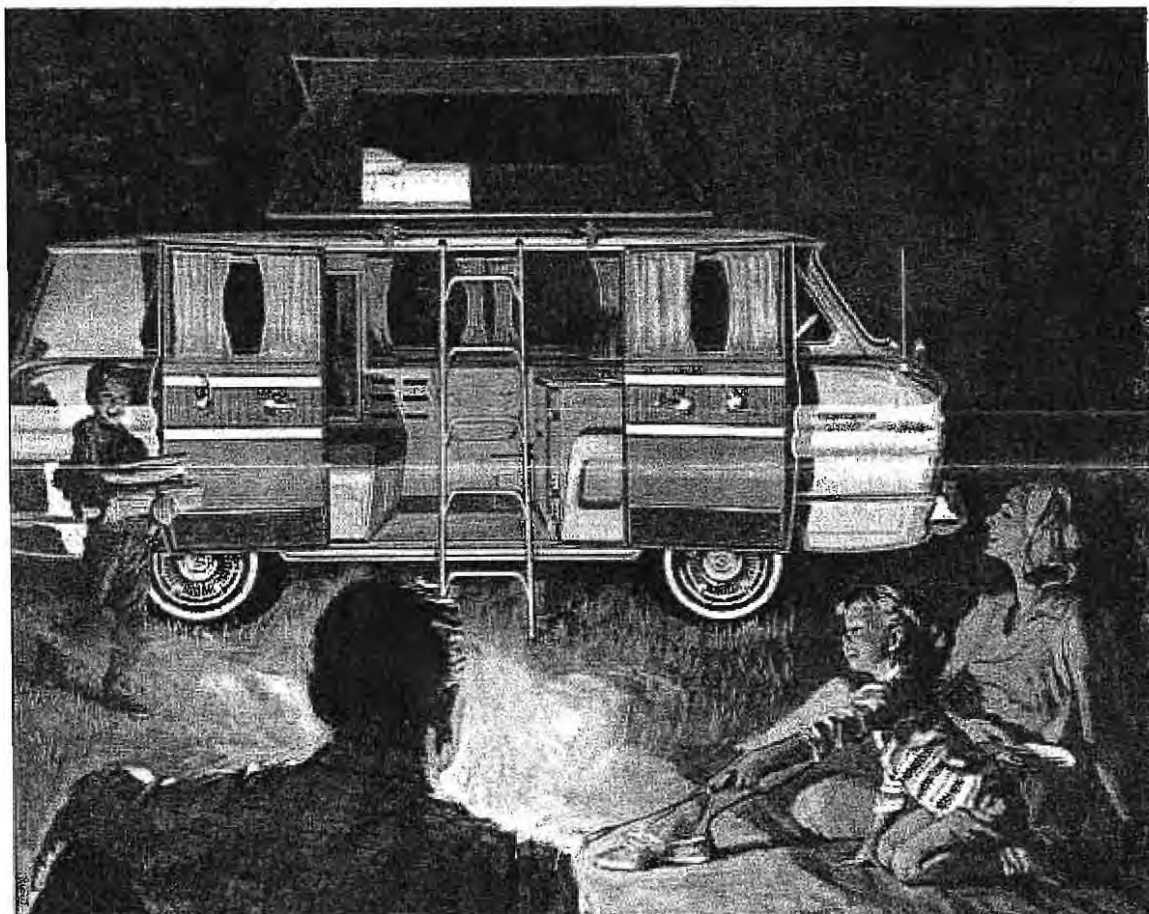
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May Meeting Minutes

Members present: Chris Cunningham, *Barry Cunningham, *Don Robinson, Dave Baker, Nancy Goodman, *Dean, *Sandy Dutcher, John, Amy and Emily Torpey, *Ed Sergerstrom, Gordon Cauble, Lance Gillingham, Bill Maynard, Frank and Kris Sharp, Fred Zimmerman, *Dave, Michelle and Pat Lynch.

*Members that drove their Corvairs to the meeting.

Meeting started at 7:15 and was adjourned at 8:15

Chris talked about the trip to Kartchner Caverns. We had about 5 or 6 cars go. At the Triple T we were able to park under the fuel area, which was nice to be out of the sun for a short time. The drive was nice with most of the cars with their tops down and sun to our backs. The cave was remarkable with the mist system that they use to help keep the cave alive. The surrounding areas were just as beautiful. The big room was to be opened in the fall after the bats leave. Nancy said the room is breath taking. Dinner was at the Horseshoe Cafe built in 1938. The new owner was there and giving a history of the building and she hopes to find more information about the building. It was at one time being turned into a Casino until the laws were changed.

June's mid month party is being changed to July 19th, due to schedule conflicts. Amy, John and Ed talked about doing the Sat auto show at Little Anthony's in place of the party in June. All agreed to doing it on June 14th at 5:00 pm to register our cars. Please bring your car and enjoy the show from 7-9. The first 50 that come get a plaque to display with their cars.

Land and Don talked about a car show they saw at the Reid Park. I was the Classic Chevy (there was no Corvairs there.) They had flyers that were passed around. We talked about possibly getting in touch with the group and maybe doing something with them. Gordon said that the Mazda club would like to wait until this fall for us to do something together.

There is still merchandise available, please contact Don.

We still have raffle tickets for the quilt, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Call Chris if you would like some, it would be a great gift for someone hard to buy for.

Treasurer's report: Beginning \$4879.38, Income \$80.85, Expenses \$140.73, Ending \$4819.50

There are several cars up for sale locally: 1966 500 engine and tranny is no good asking \$1000. 65 mazda coupe 110, on carb is missing, rebuilt engine, most of the glass is ok, but a few are shot. 1964 Spider looks nice for \$7500.00. 1964 2 door 500 not too bad. The one that was being given to the club has only the engine good in it (John T. and Dave Lynch are working out who may get the engine.)

Raffle tickets were 3 for a \$1.00 this month. Gifts donated by the Dutchers.

Chris received a Hot Wheels Vairy 8 Car

Kris Sharp received another Hot Wheels Vairy 8 car

John T. received a dash duster.

Next month gift bringers are Herb owes 3, Chris and Don.

Chris was able to get a copy of the Car Auctions that we watched for about 30 min. Everyone enjoyed the show.

from the editor.....

All that planning for the pool party and then there was conflict with two parties on the same date. So that we can have the cooker and the shady ramada, we opted for July 19. Also, it has worked out so that we can go to the car show at Little Anthony's on June 14. Little Anthony's is a lot of fun and is retro to the drive-ins of the forties and fifties, if you are old enough to remember them. I'll take your word for it! There was great food and comradery with other car people. Much of the food will fit right in with your Atkins' diet.

Thanks to President Cunningham for the interesting video on the Barret Jackson auction in Scottsdale in January; wow! beautiful car and what a show! Of course, Chris was really interested in the first year and rare Datsun pickup which sold for twenty-six five hundred. There were only nine or ten imported that year and Chris has one. Apparently there were no Corvairs at the auction this year as there usually are.

We are aware that there are two beautiful and near perfect early Spyder convertibles for sale in Tucson at this time. Both are red with black interior; one is priced at \$7,500 and the other has not been priced. If you are interested, Gordon has more information.



Kartchner Caverns

As mentioned in the minutes of the May meeting, the last mid-month was a unique and enjoyable experience when we visited the Kartchner Caverns en masse. Five Corvairs and a couple of water pumpers rendezvoused at the Triple T on Sunday the 18th. We headed east on I-10 and then went south on Az. 90 eight miles to the caverns. The caverns are at about 4500 feet elevation, so it was very nice when we arrived at the Discovery Center which is architecturally very pleasing and blends in with the natural terrain.

To enter the Caverns you must pass through three air locks to protect the caverns from the dryness outside. The temperature of the cavern's environment is 68 degrees F. and 99% humidity. This is a living cave, which means everything is still growing, and it's 300 million years old. The lengths which have been taken to preserve the cave environment are very impressive..

There is a wide variety of decorations such as speleothems, soda straw, stalactite, stalagmite, all kinds of columns and spectacular formations.

After the tour Bill led us into Benson to the Horseshoe Cafe, where we enjoyed dinner and the ambiance of an old cafe.

Ever question what your Corvair vin codes mean? Read on...

Enjoy!



A Letter from the President

If you think its hot now, just wait. The dog days are coming. "Dog days" is the name for the hottest, most humid period of summer, from about July 3 to Aug. 11. The period was presumed in ancient times as extending from 20 days before to 20 days after the period when Sirius (the Dog Star) becomes visible at the same time as our sun. In ancient Greek mythology, Sirius was Orion's faithful hunting dog, hence the term, "dog star" and hence, the term, "dog days." So, roll down your windows and put the top down and enjoy these non dog days while you still can. If you can't put your top down, then join us at Little Anthony's on Saturday, June 14 for a dazzling car show. Then on Saturday, July 19, cool off when you need it most at Oracle Heights Pool Party and Potluck. See details on both events in our "Events at a Glance." The gods will approve.

Happy motoring!

A Great Car at Any Speed

How much is that Corvair worth? This question comes up often at our club meetings. With a little bit of research, the answer can be found without too much trouble.

If you have a Corvair for sale, or are in the market for a Corvair, attend one of our monthly meetings. We announce cars for sale regularly and discuss each car. Our members are knowledgeable and can spot a good deal when one presents itself. Our club also lists cars for sale on the last page of this newsletter. Ads are free to members; four lines cost \$3 for non-members. The Tucson Corvair Association web site (www.corvairs.org) advertises cars for sale too. Check that out!

Do your homework. If you have a home computer, you can find many Corvairs for sale on eBay, the world's largest online marketplace (www.ebay.com). A recent search found over a dozen Corvairs for sale on eBay. Clark's Corvair Parts, the world's largest Corvair parts supplier, featured 11 specialty Corvairs, and 35 other Corvairs on their web site (www.corvair.com). Corvair Society of America (CORSA), the worldwide organization with over 5000 members, listed nearly 75 cars for sale on their web site: www.corvair.org.

TCA Events at a Glance

JUNE 2003

- 11 WED TCA Board Mtg. Yankee Doodle Pizza, 1929 E. Grant Rd, 6:30pm
- *14 SAT *Classic Car Show* at Little Anthony's Diner, 7010 E. Bdwy - 5pm-10pm
- 25 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm. Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

JULY 2003

- 15-19 T-SAT 2003 *CORSA International Convention*, Carlisle, PA
- *19 SAT *Oracle Heights Pool Party and Potluck* 2045 W. Omar Dr 3pm-6pm
- 23 WED Regular monthly meeting - 6pm
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm. Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

* Note: New or rescheduled summer event

Remember, these are asking prices; the selling price is the important figure to look for.

Selling prices can be tracked easily on eBay. Auction results from some of the larger outfits like Barrett-Jackson and Kruse, may yield selling prices too.

Price guides like *Old Cars Price Guide* are also available as a tool for establishing values on Corvairs.

Therefore, by comparing your car with the cars seen on these web sites, price guides, auction results, and in local advertisements, you can arrive at a price—on your own—for any Corvair. But do not forget that the fun of owning a piece of automotive history is priceless.

Vehicle Identification Number: Decode

1960-1964 Corvairs

| | Year | Trim | Model | Plant | Vehicle Number |
|---------|------|-----------|------------------|---------------|--|
| Example | 3 | 09 | 67 | W | 179434 |
| | | 05-500 | 27-Coupe | W-Willow Run | |
| | | 07-700 | 35-Station Wagon | K-Kansas City | Subtract 100000 to obtain sequence number |
| | | 09-900 | 67-Convertible | O-Oakland | |
| | | 06-Spyder | 69-Sedan | L-Los Angeles | |

1965-1969 Corvairs

| | Make | Trim | Model | Year | Plant | Vehicle Number |
|---------|---------|----------|----------------|------|---------------|---|
| Example | 1 | 07 | 67 | 6 | W | 179434 |
| | 1-Chevy | 01-500 | 37-Coupe | | W-Willow Run | |
| | | 05-Manza | 39-Sedan | | K-Kansas City | Subtract 100000 to obtain sequence number(65-68) |
| | | 07-Corsa | 67-Convertible | | O-Oakland | |
| | | | | | L-Los Angeles | Subtract 700000 to obtain sequence number(69) |

Trucks

| | Year | Model | Plant | Vehicle Number |
|---------|------|-----------------|---------------|---|
| Example | 3 | R124 | S | 101011 |
| | | R125-Panel Van | W-Willow Run | |
| | | R124-Rampside | K-Kansas City | Subtract 100000 to obtain sequence number(65-68) |
| | | R126-Greenbriar | O-Oakland | |
| | | | L-Los Angeles | |
| | | | S-St Louis | |
| | | | F-Flint | |

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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TCA Board Mtg. June 11 at Yankee Doodle Pizza 1929 E. Grant 6:30PM

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