

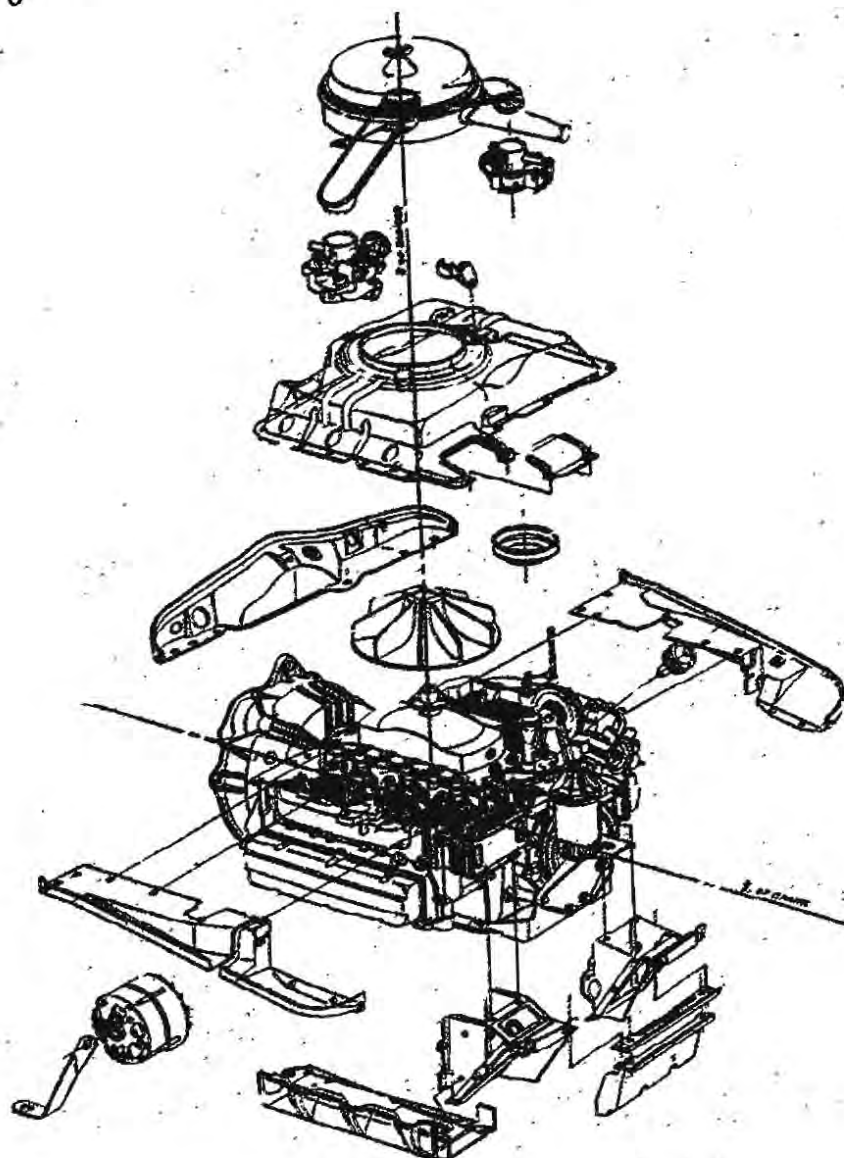


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Flash! Christmas party is being rescheduled! Flash!  
You will here more in early December.

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TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION  
22 OCTOBER 2003 MEETING

Present: Lance Gillingham, Dave Baker, Nancy Goodman, Allen Elvick, Bill Maynard and Lynn, Chris and Frank Sharp, Don Robinson\*, Barry Cunningham, Ed Segerstrom\*, Herb Berkman\*, John and Amy Young\*, Dave Lynch\*, Fred Zimmerman. \*- drove Corvair to meeting.

Barry called the meeting to order in the absence of the President and Vice President at 7:15 p.m. Allen had left early due to Marianne's chemotherapy session today. Barry recognized those who hadn't been present lately and the Youngs for driving up from Green Valley.

John and Amy Torpey will host the Nov. 15 tune-up clinic from 10-2. Sodas will be provided, otherwise potluck lunch items. Don will bring the sodas. Barry is trying to arrange not to work that Saturday. All interested should bring questions... and answers.

Barry called on officers. Allen had left the treasurer's report indicating that the beginning balance was \$4606.18, income from nametags and dues was \$19, expenses for Casa Car Show and Corvairsation were \$162.81, leaving an ending balance of \$4462.71. Lance reported on archives work and the whereabouts of two CDs on front end repair were believed to be with Don and Chris C. Don has received a return on mail sent to member Jeremy Canterbury and the phone is disconnected. Herb noted the SCCA no longer autocrosses at the airport but now does so at the fairgrounds. A continuing request for members to save and bring their aluminum cans was made.

From the board meeting was a suggestion to purchase an awning for use at the Casa Car Show. One is probably available for \$160 at Costco. Discussion included other uses for it at picnics, etc. Next board meeting may be changed from Nov. 12 due to Chris C's class. A nominating committee will be appointed by the chair by the end of October, according to the acting chair.

Further discussion of Casa Show indicated a need to deal with the radio station's speakers which were too close to our display. At least 17 Avantis were exhibited. Chris C probably has Herb's folding chair, which has his name on it.

The Youngs, Herb and Don are planning to attend the Fan Belt Toss in Nov. Herb will run the creeper race. Don may drive his yellow Vair. Nov. 19 will be the regular meeting, one week before Thanksgiving. Dec. 17 will be the Holiday Dinner, details to follow. Please plan to bring an inexpensive gift. Herb will be at Kitty Hawk then, in observance of the Centennial of Flight. Herb did bring a lottery gift to the meeting but as no tickets were available, no drawing was held. Bringing more lottery prizes to the Nov. meeting will be Dave, Don, Barry and Bill. This serves as your official reminder of that obligation.

Tech talk happened; Dave Lynch describing his new engine swap which engine started nicely then demonstrated a grinding sound. As this scrivener understands it, screws on the plate uched into the gears and the cam shaft ground them off. \$1800 later, the problem is fixed and engine runs well. Bill's engine came apart in his garage when started to drive to the car show. A clip on the hydraulic lifter blew off, the valve hit the piston. Cost to Bill so far, only his time. Herb described Yenke's "stages," as defined by Yenke and shared why no definitive number of Yenkos was disseminated. Don had a query re tightening certain nuts. Advice included proper tensioning, blue lok-tite, and teflon tape.

Suzanne Cauble is home and recovering well, Ed reported after speaking with her today. She is not driving yet, but used a walker, rather than wheelchair to go to her doctor today. Allen left early as Marianne had her second round of chemotherapy today, to continue into March.

Cars for sale include: 1) Chris C's yard decoration. 2) John Torpey's '64 Convertible. 3) the late Ron Jones's son Jim is moving to Oklahoma and wants to sell a '63 Spyder Coupe, set up as 110, but has turbo gear, \$3500 takes all, call Don. Dave has (had) a trunkful of parts in the parking lot, including air cleaner and alternator. Following adjournment at 8:30 ish, much of Dave's parts were removed by helpful members. Respectfully submitted, Chris Sharp



from the editor.....

We had a great time at the GWFBT&SM in Palm Springs. It was cooler than usual and that made it more enjoyable. Although it seemed as if there were more vendor stalls than usual, a couple of the big vendors were not there.

TCA members there were John and Amy Young, Vic and Ingrid Howard, Herb and Jonni Berkman, Chet Reed and Deborah Pearson, Bruce and myself.

The banquet was held at the host hotel, the Ramada, and was quite good. Chuck Jordon was the speaker and he was responsible for the body design of the Corvair. He showed an array of pictures of many of the clay mock-ups of both early and late models.

Herb had his two newly modified creepers at the meet and the creeper races were a big success. He gave out four different class prizes and all the contestants had a lot of fun.

PLAYING IN THE SAND When Bruce and I went to Palm Strings, we pulled his Corvair sand rail along; and on the way back to Tucson, we stopped at the dunes at Glamis. It's amazing what 140 horses can do in a less than 1,000 pound vehicle! Wow!

Thanks to Tanya and Bruce Robinson for the pictures from the Fan Belt Toss!

January means it's car show time. Herein is the registration form for the Car Nuts Show. Enjoy!

## ... from the President

First, I would like to thank the officers for picking up the loose ends in my absence at the last few regular membership meetings. A conflict in my schedule has prevented me from attending a Wednesday night meeting. That will change after this month.

The tune-up clinic at Torpey's on Saturday was a golden opportunity for members to take a close look at the underpinnings of their cars without crawling around in the dirt. John's floor hoist makes difficult and messy jobs seem like duck soup. I'm glad I attended. Technician Bill Maynard noticed a failing wheel bearing on the front end of my car that required immediate attention.

The clinic was more tune-up than clean-up (the Club's parts inventory), but we did manage to unload and inventory a few parts from John's wall of parts and eat a few donuts. We are far, however, from completing the inventory. More time must be spent to sift thru the boxes. If you have time and know how to locate a part in a Clark's catalog, then we need you.

Happy motoring!

Chris



The "Wall of Parts" located behind John's 1929 Chevrolet Coupe.

BELOW: Dave Lynch inspects his heater hoses during Saturday's Tune-up Clinic at the Torpeys.

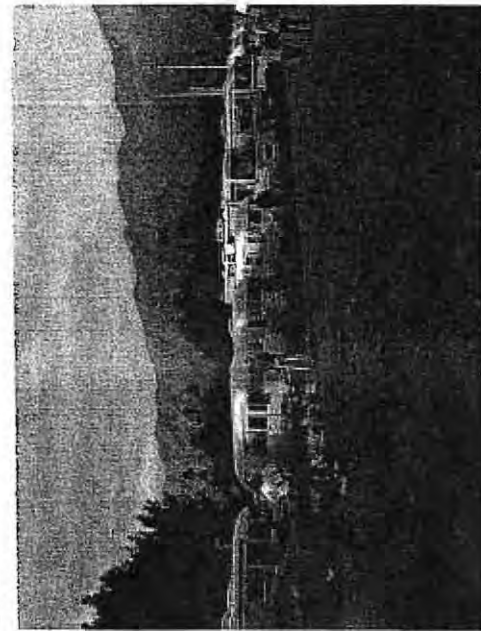
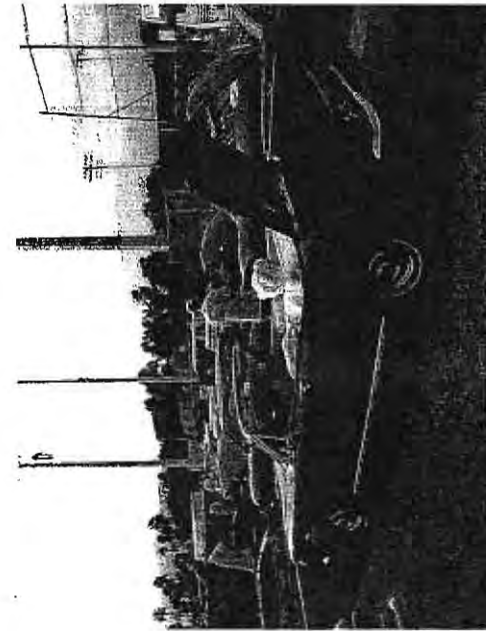
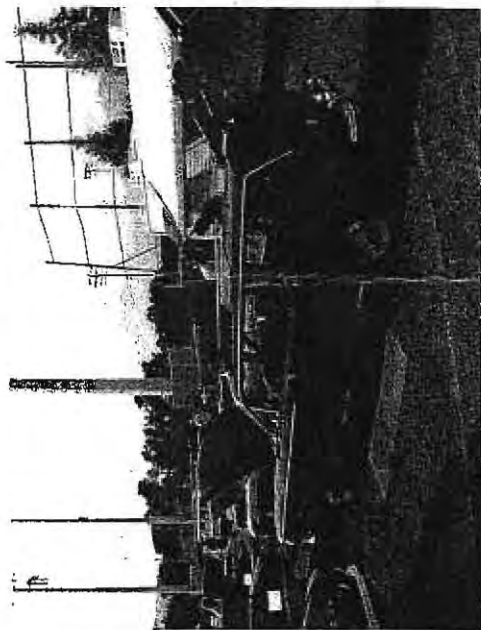
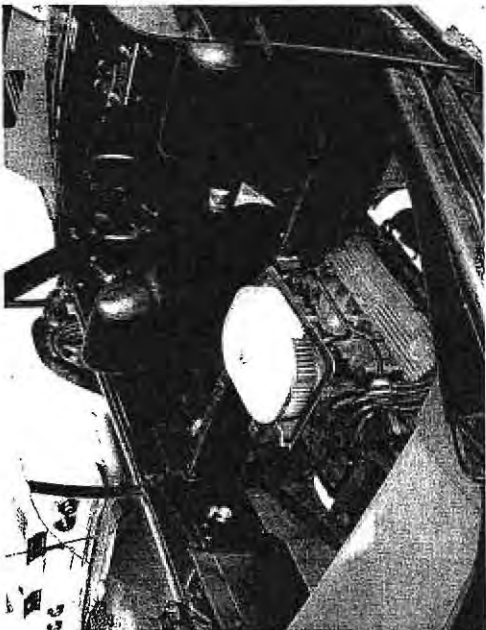


## Current Corvair Values Climb

The October 2003 issue of *Old Cars Price Guide* lists some very favorable prices for Corvairs. If you have not checked the resource in a while, you might be in for a pleasant surprise. *Old Cars Price Guide*, published by Krause Publications, prints prices that reflect data from collector-car auctions, verified private sales, and input from experts. Their Corvair values have climbed with some models listed in the \$12,000 to \$18,000 range. For instance, a 1964 Spyder convertible in #2 condition is listed at \$12,300 and a 1966 180hp Corsa convertible in the same condition is listed at \$16,380. A 1962 Monza 4-dr sedan in #2 condition is listed at \$9850, while a 1962 Ford Falcon 4-dr sedan, in similar condition, is listed at \$5200.

So, to borrow a popular 1960's advertising slogan from Buick, wouldn't you rather have a Corvair?







# Registration Application

Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts  
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**January 24, 2004 10 a.m.—3 p.m.**  
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- **Show limited to 600 entries:** Pre-registration ONLY. Day-of-show registrants will NOT be accepted.
  - **Please complete and sign form:** Additional registration forms are available online at [www.carnuts.org](http://www.carnuts.org).
  - **Mail forms to:** Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts; PO Box 943, Sahuarita, Arizona 85629
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# 2 — 1949-1957: cars  
# 3 — 1958-1964: cars  
# 4 — 1965-1969: cars  
# 5 — 1970-1979: cars  
# 6 — 1980-present: cars  
# 7 — Thunderbirds: All  
# 8 — Sports cars

# 9 — MG-class  
#10 — British 1962 and older  
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#12 — Mustangs 1964-1973  
#13 — Mustangs 1974-present  
#14 — Corvettes: open  
#15 — Corvettes: closed  
#16 — Trucks: stock

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#18 — Porsche: All  
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**Entry Fee: \$15 / Vehicle** (NOTE: Vehicle entries cannot be changed on day of show.)

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(Note: entry fee = \$15 per vehicle)

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**All forms must be signed and dated: (No dogs, alcohol/drugs, music)**

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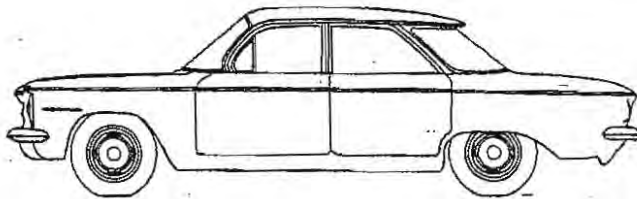
November meeting is on the third Wednesday.

A Christmas party is 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



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