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TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

27 AUGUST, 2003 MEETING

Present: Paul Dunn, Art Dunn, Frank and Chris Sharp, John and Amy Young, Dave Baker, Nancy Goodman, Don Robinson*, Don Sobey, Barry Cunningham*, Bill and Lynn Maynard, John and Amy Torpey and Emily, Fred Zimmerman.

* indicates drove Corvaire to this meeting.

In the absence of Chris Cunningham, John T. presided, calling the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Barry C. announced that this weekend, Labor Day, is the last weekend of his Corvaire lot, that he's vacating it after Monday, and anything anyone desires should be hauled off by then.

Announcement was made of the Ft. Huachuca museums tour on Sept. 13. Paul D. circulated brochures on the two museums we may tour, the main Ft. Huachuca Museum and the US Army Intelligence Museum. He advised he would meet us at Main Gate at 10:30 to escort us in so we will not need car stickers, but each person needs a gov't photo identification and each car must have proof of registration and insurance. We will meet at TTT at Craycroft and I-10 at 9:00 to convoy down. Lunch after our tour is possible. Thirteen present at the meeting indicated plans to attend.

Don Sobey from Old Pueblo Miata Club appeared and announced a Fun Rally Sunday, 14 Sept. We and the British Car Club are invited to participate. The event begins with a 1:30 checkin at Old Chicago/Uno at 10,180 N. Oracle near Sheraton El Conquistador. The route is 70 miles, the competition is to glean information from signage along the way, and at least two persons per car are needed for navigation and sign reading. No entry fee, and at the end of the rally, a room is available at Uno for socializing and calculating results. At least 6 cars from TCA showed interest in attending.

John T. announced the Casa Car Show is Sat., 4 Oct. Last year we didn't get our registrations in early enough to be displayed on the grass. The Nov. mid-month event is a tuneup clinic on the 15th at either Chris C.'s or Torpeys'. Details to follow. Wed. 17 Dec. is the annual Holiday Dinner at DMAFB Officers' Club, A gift exchange with gifts not to exceed \$10 will be held. Watch for more details.

A Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs will occupy the first weekend in Nov. (7-9). The Youngs plan to attend. It includes a great swap meet and room deals are available at the Ramada Resort. See the Corsa Communique for contact details.

A gift to the club, a white automatic 110, is currently viewable at Chris C.'s. A new headliner is included, door panels may also be new. The club must decide whether to restore or sell as is. Don R. indicated he had hats, mugs and logos for sale. By consensus we determined not to hold a raffle although Art Dunn had brought a prize. It will be held until the next meeting. Those driving their cars tonight will also receive raffle priority next month. Additional raffle prizes from anyone still owing will be appreciated.

Paul D. noted his computer is back up and running and he will update the website soon. No recent membership changes were noted, with 41 "units" enrolled. We lamented the departure of the Dutcher family for California. In that vein, Amy T. noted that job insecurity at Bombardier continues and to that end we need to give attention to completing the parts inventory at their home. She proposed boxing up items to hand out to whoever would be interested in cataloging a boxful. Some interest was shown.

A yellow '65 Corsa needing engine work is for sale at \$650, contact John T. It is 99.9% complete. If conditions at aforementioned employer don't improve, a '64 convertible may become available.

(minutes continued)

Paul has received emails at the website as follows; Cynthia Merodias donated a '62 owner's guide. Her husband, Ralph Montenegro, does welding, including portable welding. A quid pro quo for the guide might be calling upon him with welding jobs, he does body welding and other and can be reached at 744-9503. Their Corvair was stolen some years ago. A Spokane enthusiast wants a '65 or '66 rust-free, Arizona climate 140 Corsa. Email him at dbjjadams@msn.com.

Finally, the Northern AZ Corvair Club, Flagstaff, announced their annual picnic in Cottonwood, inviting also the Phoenix club on Sat. 18 Oct. beginning at 10:30 a.m. It will take place at a member's home, bring your own meat to grill and a potluck dish to share. An optional tour of Sedona is planned during the event. We will discuss at Sept. meeting a possible group caravan, and Chris S. and Paul have directions for those interested in going.

A shade structure for the Casa car show was discussed. Barry's office provided the last one, Tim Green is believed to have one also.

Because of Chris C's fall class schedule, a change in Board Meeting night is needed. Tuesday was proposed, so will occur through fall on the day before the regularly scheduled meeting. Paul asked if anyone would see Lance to give him the owner's guide. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sharp

OIL CHANGE, WHAT OIL CHANGE?

Don Reed, one of our old Corvair buddies stopped by the other day and, of course, he was driving his UltraVan. He and his son have been refurbishing the exterior and have reworked some of the fiberglass to flair-in new headlights and big Chrysler taillights. With a new splash of paint on the sides, it looks great and quite modern. Don showed me the power train, which, is a 110 HP with a four speed.

Mounted to the firewall was a canister that looked like an oil filter. Sure enough, he said it was a Frantz TP oil filter. Don then surprised me by saying, "I haven't changed oil for 36 years!". He went on to explain that he changes the filter at regular intervals and only replaces the oil lost from the filter. The filter is a role of toilet paper. He has had the oil tested for impurities with results that the oil is as pure as new. Whoa!

After he left, I headed straight for the internet; sure enough, lots of information about Frantz oil filters and testimonials about their use. Check it out!

FORT HUACHUCA CALVARY MUSEUM

We rendezvoused at the Triple T and cruised east on I-10, then down Az-90 to meet Paul and Nell at the Fort gate. The first two buildings we visited contained all the historical displays from the 1800 s to the present. I recognized many event from our early history, which I enjoyed reading about.

The third building visited contained memorabilia from the fort's 20th Century assignments; electronic weaponry, communications and intelligence training. Of the twelve people in our group, none of us could decipher the code message. Of well!

Thank you, Nell and Paul, for all your work in setting up and leading the tour!

CASA CAR SHOW

Check the calendar for details on meeting for the show if you have a car entered. TCA members have eight cars proudly entered in the show. Hope to see you there.

A Letter from the President

The famous saying "One man's junk is another man's treasure" had some relevance earlier this month when Barry Cunningham said goodbye to his storage yard and all the contents – mostly Corvair parts. Metal scrappers hauled off everything leaving the yard empty except for the weeds. Or is it: "One man's treasure is another man's junk?" Either way, Barry turns a corner and Tucson loses another (valuable) resource. Read the complete story below.

October brings bearable weather and the Casa De los Ninos Car Show. The club has been guaranteed a spot on the grass this time. Come on down and see the Corvairs during this annual fundraiser for a worthy cause.

Happy motoring!

Chris

30-Year Corvair Collection Scrapped

Labor Day weekend was a weekend to remember for Barry Cunningham. Unlike many of us, his weekend was punctuated with a succession of twelve-hour days. Most of it was spent at the Corvair storage yard he has rented for the past 13 years. The large yard near the airforce base was used to store a collection of Corvairs and parts that was started by Barney Goodwin in the late '60's.

Barney Goodwin was a Corvair specialist at O'Reilly Chevrolet during the years of Corvair production. Barney retired from O'Reilly Chevrolet and opened Barney's Auto Repair on Alvernon Road in the early 1970's. Barry was a regular at Barney's during his high school days, becoming an employee in 1975. In 1981, with Barney now out of the picture, the collection passed to Barry when he opened The Boy's from Barney's, a repair shop specializing in Corvairs. The shop moved from Stone Avenue behind Bimsco Hardware to just off Speedway and Sonoita and became Cunningham Corvair Automotive. In 1990 the shop moved to an industrial location at 44th Street and Dodge and operated there until 1995.

"Actually, I managed to save six cars and as many parts that would fit inside them before the metal scrappers took everything else," Barry exclaimed. One car, a 1960 4-dr, went to Chris Cunningham. A complete original 80-hp engine for that car was found

TCA Events at a Glance

SEPTEMBER 2003

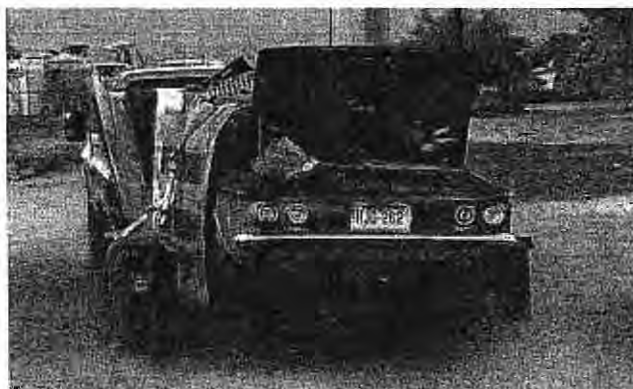
- 13 SAT *Cavalcade to Ft. Huachuca*
Calvary Museum
- 14 SUN *Old Pueblo Miata Club Rally*
- 24 WED Regular Monthly Meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting
starts at 7pm. Mountain View
Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road

OCTOBER 2003

- 1 WED Drive Your Corvair Today
- 4 SAT Casa de Los Ninos Car Show
TEP Park, 7:30am at Ajo Café, SE
corner Ajo and Country Club.
- 7 TUE TCA Board Mtg. 6:30pm Fox &
Hound Smokehouse & Tavern,
7625 N. LaCholla Blvd.
- 22 WED Regular Monthly Meeting - 6pm.
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against the fence on a decaying wooden pallet and covered with weeds. "It felt like we were uncovering an archaeological treasure when we found it buried under the brush... It hadn't been seen by human eyes for 13 years," he speculated.

All in all, a dozen trailer loads of parts and twelve cars weighing in at 20 tons—plus a 40-foot roll-off dumpster—were removed from the yard over the Labor Day weekend.



The last load fades away into the sunset.

26th Annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet

November 7, 8, & 9, 2003

Pavilion Field, Sunrise Park, Palm Springs, CA

gwfbt03@att.net

	Before Oct 29	After Oct 29	TOTAL
Family Registration _____	\$7.00	\$10.00	_____
Welcome Party, Friday at the Ramada Resort _____	No Charge _____	No. Attending _____	
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Number of Vegetarian Meals _____ Adults _____ Children _____			
Swap Spaces, 20'x20' or 12'x30' per weekend _____	@15.00	\$20.00 if available	_____
Ultra Van Spaces, Per Night _____ TH FR SA	@15.00	\$20.00	_____
Motor Home Spaces _____ TH FR SA	@15.00	\$20.00 if available	_____

NOTE: Please Note Size of Motor Home _____

Car Show Entries (Describe Year and Model)

Car _____	@7.00	@10.00	_____
Model Car Contest _____ Entries	@4.00	@5.00	_____
Creative Parts Contest _____ Entries	@4.00	@5.00	_____
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Total

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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.....

I haven't heard that anyone made it to the Miata rally on September 14, which would have been a lot of fun. My plate was too full on that day.

As usual we have some beautiful cars in the Casa show and we always meet a lot of nice people there that love our cars and like to reminisce about the one they or their family had.

The Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs is November 7,8,9. This year the headquarters hotel is the Ramada and it's time to make your reservations if you are going (760) 323-1711. See the registration form in this issue. There's more information in the *Corsa Communiqué*.

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