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Corvairs Make Superior Trip Through Arizona Backroads



Mr. Boyce Thompson rolled his '69 convertible out of his carport when he heard that the Corvairs were coming.

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MARCH 2004 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2004

Members Present: Bill Maynard, Lynn Marrs, Lance Gillingham, Allen Elvick, Herb Berkman, Don Robinson, Fred Zimmerman, Mr. Dunn, Paul Dunn, Dave Baker and Nancy Goodman, Barry Cunningham, Chris Cunningham, Dave Lynch and his son Patrick.

President Bill Maynard called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Approval of the Minutes for June 16, 2003: The minutes were read from the previous meeting, Chris Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Allen Elvick and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Allen Elvick reported that the club finances are in good standing. Allen Elvick remarked that there were only a few expenses totaling \$210.00. Don Robinson made a motion to accept the financial report, Dave Baker seconded this motion and it passed. It was noted that some of the club members are late with paying their dues. Chris will call each of them and let them know. Unfortunately some of them have moved away or are gone on extended travel.

Committee Reports: Presidents Report: Bill Maynard -None at this time

Vice-President's Report: Barry Cunningham reported that the mid-month activity to Fred's Area was lots of fun, with lots of good food. There were 4 corvairs and one eclectic Corbuick (a new experimental vehicle, driven by Dave Baker). Fun was had by all.

Barry Cunningham reported that next month, April, the Tucson Corvair Club will meet the Cactus Corvair Club at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park on April 10, 2004. May 15 will be the date of the Tune-up Clinic, which will be at the home of Chris Cunningham. Everyone will bring a munchie to share with everyone. March 28, the Cactus Club is having their all Chevy Day. It is a great time and it is at 59th Avenue and Camelback. Checker Auto has a \$10.00 entry fee.

Merchandise: Don reported that he still has a lot of hats, coffee mugs and t-shirts to sell, so if you want to purchase one see him after the meeting.

Library: Lance reported that all the books, have been put into ring binders. He has all the parts and tools including a tow bar, shop manuals and supplements.

Who drove a corvair to the meeting?????

Chris Cunningham, Lance Gillingham, David Lynch and Bill Maynard drove their Corvairs to the meeting.

Raffle: In spite of the fact that there were no raffle tickets, Lynn Marrs made tickets for everyone. A total of \$17.00 was handed to Allen. First drawn ticket was #5, drawn by Lance Gillingham, he chose a set of wrenches by Craftsman. The second drawn ticket was #15, drawn by Don and he picked out a parts box. The third drawn ticket was #18, drawn by David Lynch, who picked an oil filter. The last ticket drawn was #16, which was drawn by Bill Maynard, who picked the brake cleaner and paper towels.

Old Business: President Bill Maynard presented Herb Berkman with his plaque for the Bryan Lynch Award.

New Business: Fan Belt Toss is the first full weekend in November, in Palm Springs. The club would like to have a good show of people to go and help sell the club parts that have been accumulated. A contact needs to be made to reserve a couple of spaces, registration fee and what ever else is needed.

Raffle Gifts: Dave Baker, Allen Elvick, Barry Cunningham, Dave Lynch, Don Robertson said that they will be bringing raffle gifts for the next meeting.

Parts for Sale: Dave Baker has a new Chrome Bumper for a late model for sale - \$50.00

TEC Talk: Dave Lynch commented that the brake shoes he had shattered, why does this keep happening? Chris Cunningham said he has a oil leak, possibly from the transmission shift Linage. Perhaps they could drop the cam and change the o-ring. Paul Dunn and his stepson have opened a garage in Bisbee, all are welcome.

Funny Stories: Dave Baker told a couple of great stories about cars sucking the gas into the wrong chamber, thus finding all the gas somewhere it should not be.

Herb Beckman told everyone about the move to Colorado and the moving truck sliding both tires off the right side of the hill, having to bring in 2 tow trucks to lift the big truck sideways. Gee, we miss Snow! And Ice! And Cold Winds! Did I forget anything???

Adjournment: Lance Gillingham made a motion to adjourn, Paul Dunn seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Marrs

Greetings From The President!

I have just returned from sunny Miami, Florida. I had a great trip, but I am glad to be back home in Tucson.

I wanted you all to know what a great meeting we had in March and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the April meeting. Hope you will bring your ideas for outings and start planning to go to the Fanbelt Toss in Palm Springs (in November). It will be a good place to sell some of the parts we have.

I understand that there were 4 Corvair's from our club at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park on April 10, 2004. The Phoenix Club only had 3 Corvairs, but lots of people, and a good time was had by all.

Remember the Tune-up Clinic will be at the home of Chris Cunningham, bring a munchie to share with everyone that morning 9:00A.M. to 2:00P.M.

Bring a friend and we will see you at the meeting!

Bill



Mystery Car: 1963 Corvair Syder convertible. It is parked near 22nd and 10th Avenue. Does anyone recognize this white on white car? It has a '64 rear air grill and a skid plate that is painted white.

TCA 2004 Events at a Glance

APRIL

28 WED *Regular Monthly Meeting* - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting
starts at 7pm. Mountain View
Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

MAY

12 WED *TCA Board Mtg.* Hooters Rest.
6335 E. Tanque Verde, 6:30pm.

16 SUN *Tune Up Clinic at Chris
Cunningham's* 1026 S. 7th Ave.
9am-2pm, 670-9676.

26 WED *Regular Monthly Meeting* - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting
starts at 7pm. Mountain View
Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

JUNE

9 WED *TCA Board Mtg.* Location TBA
6:30pm.

13 SUN *Oracle Heights Pool Party & Potluck*
3pm-6pm, 2045 W. Omar.

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6:30pm.

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NOTE: no mid-month activity in July or August.

Tucson and Phoenix Clubs Travel to Superior for Annual Herb Festival

Saturday April 10 was the place to be for copious amounts of good food, light hiking, live music, culinary demonstrations and Corvairs. The Cactus Corvair Club and the Tucson Corvair Association made the Herb Festival their rendezvous point for their April mid-month activity. The location is perfect for a gathering of cars and people. Everybody present thought the Boyce Thompson Arboretum location was superior to Picacho Peak, where both clubs met in the past for their annual picnic together.



Just minutes from Superior, Arizona, the arboretum is a beautiful hour and a half drive up Highway 77 and 177 for Tucson drivers and slightly less for Phoenix drivers traveling east on Highway 60. Don Robinson said he likes the trip because he can drive back to Tucson on a different route (Hwy 79) and still avoid the treacherous four-lane Interstate-10.

Many small towns dot the map along the way. A significant part of Arizona's mining industry, towns like Mammoth, Hayden, Kearney, Kelvin, and Winkelman are home to many of the workers employed by the mines. The charm and individuality of Kearney is apparent once you turn off the highway. Nestled near the Dripping Springs Mts. and the Tortilla Mts, the small town (1990 Census: pop-2262) is home to the workers of the Ray Open Pit Copper Mine. Small homes are built on steep slopes.

They exist, however, in a hotbed of environmental controversy. According to the EPA, the Hayden smelter is Arizona's biggest polluter. Residents of Hayden, mostly low-income Hispanics, experience lung cancer rates 50% higher than Tucson or Phoenix.

Tucson, with four Corvairs present, provided the meats for grilling while Phoenix, with three Corvairs, provided all the rest.



Top: Phoenix outnumbered Tucson at the table but Tucson had a larger showing in the parking lot.

Left: A very clean '66 Corsa from Phoenix.

Right: Charlie Dye delivers! Cactus Club member and literary classified craftsman delivers the comestibles-rust free! Cactus President Bob Shaw cleans up in the background.



Corvair Owner Combines Motorama with Sign-A-Rama

Three years ago TCA member David Carranza decided to make his mark in Tucson. The mark he wanted to make was, naturally, with a sign - many signs. And he has been leaving his mark everywhere thanks to his franchise business Sign-A-Rama, 4650 East Speedway.

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The Carranzas have been a Corvair driving family since 1962 when dad bought a new 2-dr coupe from O'Rielly Chevrolet. When David was in high school he impressed his friends with his father's sporty red on red coupe. That tradition he hopes to continue with his son Alexandro, age 13.

Someday David would like to see his parking lot in front of his store full of Corvairs. "This area of Speedway comes alive at night with lots of car enthusiasts," he said, "they park and hang out and shoot the breeze with their mostly Japanese cars. We should do that with our Corvairs."

We agreed on that!

David at Sign-A-Rama can be reached at 320-0605 or on the Web at www.signsfortucson.com. Sign-A-Rama is open on Saturdays too.



And More Signs...



Vice President Barry Cunningham along with Vicki Cunningham take a closer look at various one of a kind montages assembled by local artist Warren Anderson on a recent visit to the artist's home. Vintage cars, signs, motel and diner neon are frequent subject matter for the artist.



Who has nicer legs, David or Betty?

Spares and Vairs

FOR SALE: 1963 Monza Coupe, red, 140hp with Carter 4-barrel. Drives great, nice interior, must sell. Best offer. Don Henn, 520-743-3346.

FOR SALE: Corvair Parts - new and used, late and early, rare and not so rare. Taillight lenses, carb parts, hubcap inserts, arms, trim, misc., and much more. **April Special: Trunk weatherstrip for early models, Clark's price \$16.95, April price \$9.95 - thanks bye out the door. '62-'64 convertible pillar weatherstrip w/o molded ends, fits either side, Clark's price \$14.45, April price - \$5 - thanks bye out the door.** Chris Cunningham, 520-670-9676.

FOR SALE: Late Model rear bumper, rechromed, near perfect. \$50. Dave Baker 520-747-0840.

FOR SALE: Weight Bench with leg extension attachment, never used, nice condition, \$40. Chris 520-670-9676.

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Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.
November meeting is on the third Wednesday.
The December meeting is an annual Holiday Party.

Meeting Place: Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 East Prince Road, 293-0375
Parking Lot Bull Session: 6pm - Dinner: 6:20pm (optional)
Meeting: 7pm.

Raffle Gifts: Dave Baker, Allen Elvick, Barry Cunningham, Dave Lynch, Don Robertson said that they will be bringing raffle gifts for the next meeting April 28.

Upcoming Events:

*Tune Up Clinic at Chris Cunningham's National Traffic Safety Institute
Sunday, May 16, 9am -2pm
1026 South 7th Avenue 670-9676*

The Club will provide refreshments for everyone and treats for seeing eye dogs.



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Who is that with Jack C.? Find out inside.

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