

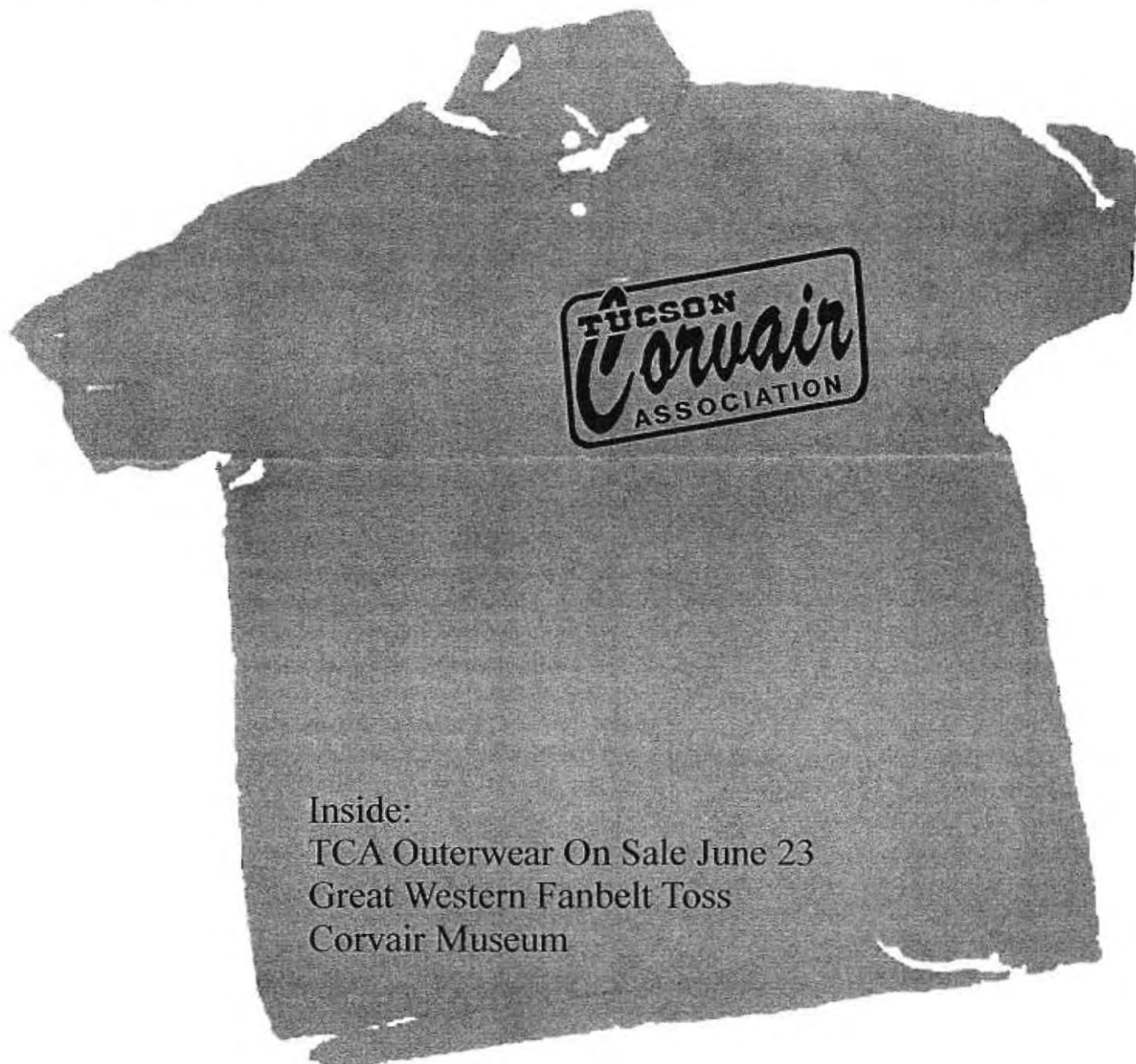


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## **Tucson Corvair Association**

### **Established 1975**

**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 America (COSA) chapter 857.

**Monthly Meetings** are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except November and December. One technical/social event is planned for each month except July and August.

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# MAY 2004 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 26, 2004

**Members Present:** Bill Maynard, Lynn Marrs, Dave Lynch, Gordon Cauble, John and Amy Young, Pat Berky, Julius Berky, Lance Gillingham, Allen Elvick, Don Robinson, Arthur Dunn, Paul Dunn, Ed Segerstrom, Barry Cunningham, and Chris Cunningham.

President Bill Maynard called the meeting to order at 7pm.

## **Approval of the Minutes for April 28, 2004**

David Lynch made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrected spelling of [Julie to Julius], seconded by Pat Berky, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Financial Report:**

Allen Elvick reported that the club finances are in good standing. The Income for the month was \$101.00. The Club spent \$51.43 for snacks for the Tune-up Clinic. Lance Gillingham made a motion to accept the financial report, Julius Berky seconded this motion and it passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Presidents Report:** Bill Maynard welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to plan to go to the Fan Belt Toss Swap Meet. Bill Maynard spoke about the Tune-up Clinic that took place and what a success it was.

## **Vice-President's Report:**

Barry Cunningham reported that Tune-up Clinic was well attended with 8 or 9 Corvairs. "We had good food, good company, worked on the Corvairs, and sold some Corvair parts." Two guest, perspective new members attended and we hope they will come when they can, Dave Martin and Jim Blair, each Corvair owners. A shade canopy was purchased and set up at the Tune-up Clinic, it was really nice. This was a good event with good food and was very informative. Chris Cunningham will store the canopy at his home.

The June mid-month outing will be a BBQ at the neighborhood center of Don and Sue Robinson, lots of food, fun and swimming. Bring a dish to share. John and Amy Young will represent the Tucson Corvair Club at the International Corvair Convention in Kentucky, June 15 to June 19. In September, the outing will be on September 26, 2004, it will be a picnic at Rose Canyon Lake located on Mt. Lemmon. The group will meet at the McDonald's at Catalina Highway and Tanque Verde. Meet us there at 10am.

A walk-in guest came in to the meeting. His name is Steve Arthurs. He plans to come for a whole meeting in the future, but he had to leave right away as he had other places to go.

## **Merchandise:**

Don Robinson reported that he still has a lot of hats, coffee mugs and t-shirts to sell. It would be really nice for the club members to order some more polo shirts with name and TCA logo on it. If you have not signed up for a shirt, please talk to Lynn Marrs at the June meeting when the order will be turned in. Shirts are \$18.00.

## **Library:**

Lance Gillingham and Julius Berky are working on the wiring for antique radios, when they have the schematics, they will put them in the library for everyone to use.

## **Raffle:**

First ticket drawn was for Lance Gillingham. The second drawn ticket was for Lynn Marrs. The third drawn ticket was for Allen Elvick. The next to last ticket drawn was for Gordon Cauble. The last ticket was for Julius Berky.

Dave Lynch, Bill Maynard and Chris Cunningham drove their Corvairs to the meeting.

## **Old Business:**

Fan Belt Toss is November 12-14 in Palm Springs. John and Amy Young will supply the trailer to put the parts in and transport to the swap meet. The parts will need to be tagged and a price put on each article. Barry Cunningham is checking into the procedures to register and rent spaces.

The International Convention is having another car raffle; tickets are \$4.00 each. The winner gets a 1966 Convertible Corvair, automatic - 140hp.

## **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be June 23, 2004.

## **Adjournment:**

Lance Gillingham made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm, Julius Berky seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Marrs,  
Secretary

# From the President...

It was great to see so many of you at our May meeting. The heat is on, so I hope your plans included cooling off at the Oracle Heights Pool Party and BBQ on June 13.

The next order for TCA polo shirts goes in June 23. See Lynn at the June 23rd meeting to order one. The polo shirts will be a great way to identify our club at Palm Springs Fan Belt Toss. We need to get our plans together as soon as possible. Look for more information on the event elsewhere in this issue.

There will be no mid-month activities in July or August, but come September, we will meet at McDonald's at Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway to drive up Mt. Lemmon to Rose Canyon Lake for a cool picnic/BBQ.

Have a great summer and stay cool!

*Bill*

## News You Can Use

The rumors floating around about the Casa de los Ninos Car Show not happening this year are true. Apparently, the costs of putting the event on are too high. Insurance at Tucson Electric Park definitely played a factor in the decision to cancel the organizations biggest moneymaking event of the year, according to Mary at Casa de los Ninos.

There is, however, going to be a car raffle. On October 17, Casa de los Ninos will raffle off a 1947 Chevrolet Stylemaster Business Coupe. The raffle will take place at the SAHBA Fall Home Show at TCC. Tickets cost \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, 15 for \$20, 40 for \$50, or 100 for \$100. You may purchase raffle tickets wherever the car is on display or by calling Casa de los Niños at 520-624-5600.



# TCA 2004 Events at a Glance

## JUNE

- 15-19 TUES -SUN CORSA International Convention  
Lexington, Kentucky. Inf: go to  
[www.drewhunt.com/corvairconvention/](http://www.drewhunt.com/corvairconvention/)
- 23 WED *Regular Monthly Meeting* - 6pm.  
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting  
starts at 7pm. Mountain View  
Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

## JULY

- 14 WED *TCA Board Mtg.* Yoshimatsu Healthy  
Japanese Food, 2745 N.Campbell  
ph: 320-1574, 6:30pm.
- 28 WED *Regular Monthly Meeting* - 6pm.  
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting  
starts at 7pm. Mountain View  
Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

## AUG

- 11 WED *TCA Board Mtg.* Location TBA 6:30pm.
- 25 WED *Regular Monthly Meeting* - 6pm.  
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting  
starts at 7pm. Mountain View  
Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

## SEPT

- 8 WED *TCA Board Mtg.* Location TBA 6:30pm.
- 22 WED *Regular Monthly Meeting* - 6pm.  
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting  
starts at 7pm. Mountain View  
Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.
- 26 SUN *Rose Canyon Lake Picnic* 10am - meet at  
McDonald's at Tanque Verde and  
Catalina Hwy.

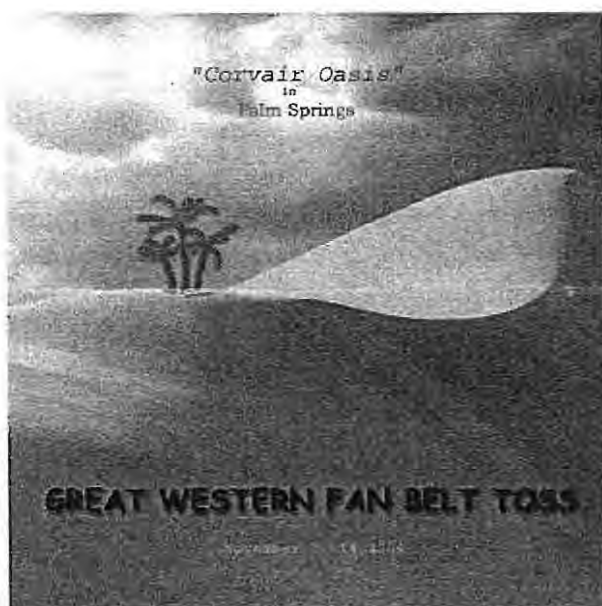
**NOTE:** no mid-month activity in July or August.



## Great Western Fan Belt Toss

The world's largest Corvair swap meet and car show will be held November 12-14 at Pavilion Field in Sunrise Park, Palm Springs. The swap begins at noon on Friday. There is a welcome party on Friday night. Car show is on Saturday along with raffles, food served on the field, and a banquet later that night. UltraVans and motor homes are welcome.

The host is Ramada Inn Resort, 760/323-1711, [www.psramada.com](http://www.psramada.com), mention Corvair club when you call. Rates are \$89.95 for one night. If you book two nights, the rate is \$69.95 per night. As of Thursday June 17, there are plenty of rooms available. Contact Dan Aungst, 4212 W. Franklin Ave., Fullerton CA 92833, or see [www.vintagecorsa.com](http://www.vintagecorsa.com).



## A New Corvair Book

Ken Bunnell, a member of the Central Virginia Corvair Club, has published a new book on Corvairs. ***Chevrolet Corvair Photo History*** was edited by Monty Montgomery and covers all models and their production numbers for all years. It also lists comfort and convenience items, plus prices for these items and installation rates. Other information includes powertrain specifications, Corvair clubs, and vendors.

Available from Corvair vendors or Classic Motorbooks, 729 Prospect Ave. P.O. Box 1 Osceola, WI 54020. Price is \$24.95.

## Corvair Museum

Established to preserve Corvair automotive history, the Corvair Preservation Foundation is a non-profit affiliate of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA). The CPF formed the Corvair Museum in 1994 to house and display Corvair historical and educational material. Property and income for the museum are solely from donations, primarily from CORSA members.

Other individuals and organizations have contributed or provided items on loan to the



museum. Exhibits at the museum include vehicles, mechanical displays, literature and artwork.

Until 1999, the Corvair Museum was located in Richmond, Virginia. From 1999 until 2002, the museum was closed. As of August 25, 2002, the Corvair Museum is now officially located in the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection (YAHC) of Ypsilanti, Michigan! The Corvair Museum is operated and maintained by the volunteers from the Corvair Preservation Foundation.

The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection, as its name implies, features automobiles and related items with ties to Ypsilanti. It has many first-rate exhibits and the feel of the place is very authentic--not antiseptic or dark like so many museums. Instead, there is a genuine nostalgic feel and there is a lot of natural light, especially in the gallery containing Corvair materials.

The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection occupies three adjacent buildings in downtown Ypsilanti. The westernmost building is Miller Motors, the last Hudson dealership to have operated. This former dealership building displays all things Hudson. The easternmost building displays Kaiser-Fraser and Tucker cars and memorabilia. The center building is reserved for the more modern Ypsilanti automobiles, especially Willow Run's most famous

product, the Corvair. The YAHC had four Corvairs on display before the CPF arrived:

**1960 sedan**

**1963 convertible**

**1969 coupe**

**1969 convertible (on loan)**

Several of the Corvair exhibits from the Richmond museum have been set up, but many items are still in storage. Space is at a premium and CPF's displays will be rotated by the YAHC and CPF Staff.



The Super Monza, pictured above, is a 1960 700 coupe which was made into a prototype Monza by GM Styling Vice President Bill Mitchell. Mechanically stock, GM Styling added a sunroof, special exterior trim and custom interior. After its debut in the 1960 New York Auto Show and on the cover of August 1960 Motor Trend, it was acquired by private owners and stayed in one family until it was obtained in 1986 for eventual restoration by CPF. This now-restored car is proudly displayed at the museum.

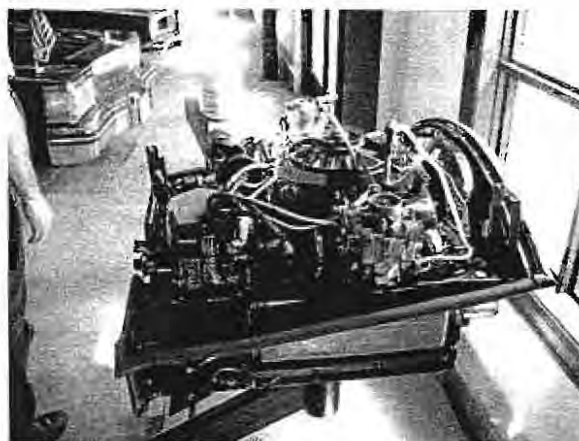


#### **1964 Corvair Spyder Mechanical Cutaway**

It is often difficult to visualize how an engine or transmission looks inside after it's assembled. To overcome this problem, external sections can be removed or cut out, exposing the internal moving parts. One such complete cutaway drivetrain

assembly, built by the Chevrolet Show and Display Department, is on display. These assemblies include transaxle, rear suspension, wheels, and tires in addition to a turbocharged Corvair engine, all enclosed in a Plexiglas display case. The moving parts are driven by hidden electric motors.

The exhibit is owned by the CPF and was donated by the Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts, one of CORSA's most active chapters.



#### **Corvair Canada military engine**

Among other features, this purpose-built Corvair power plant has a special distributor and oil filter system and a belt-driven hydraulic steering pump. Recently located in storage at the Tonawanda, NY Corvair engine plant, it has been cosmetically restored by GM Powertrain (with thanks to Ron Bluhm) and loaned to the YAHC and CPF.

#### **Also on display:**

**The Experimental Corvair intake system**

**Corvair Rochester carburetors**

**Prototype plastic cooling fan**

**Artwork**

#### **Visiting the Museum**

Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection  
100 E Cross St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198  
(734) 482-5200

Mon. – Fri. 1:30pm - 5:30pm, Sat. 9:30am - 5pm  
Sun. 12pm – 5pm

Take I-94 to exit 183 (Huron St.) north to Cross St. Turn right and you're in Depot Town. The museum is located at the east end of Depot Town, at the corner of Cross St. and River St. Free parking is available behind the museum.

# Spares and Vairs

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

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# **Tucson Corvair Association Corvair Society of America Chapter 857**

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.

## **Upcoming Events:**

September 26 SUN - Rose Canyon Lake Picnic/BBQ on Mt. Lemmon

November 12-14 FRI-SUN - Great Western Fanbelt Toss in Palm Springs, CA



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