

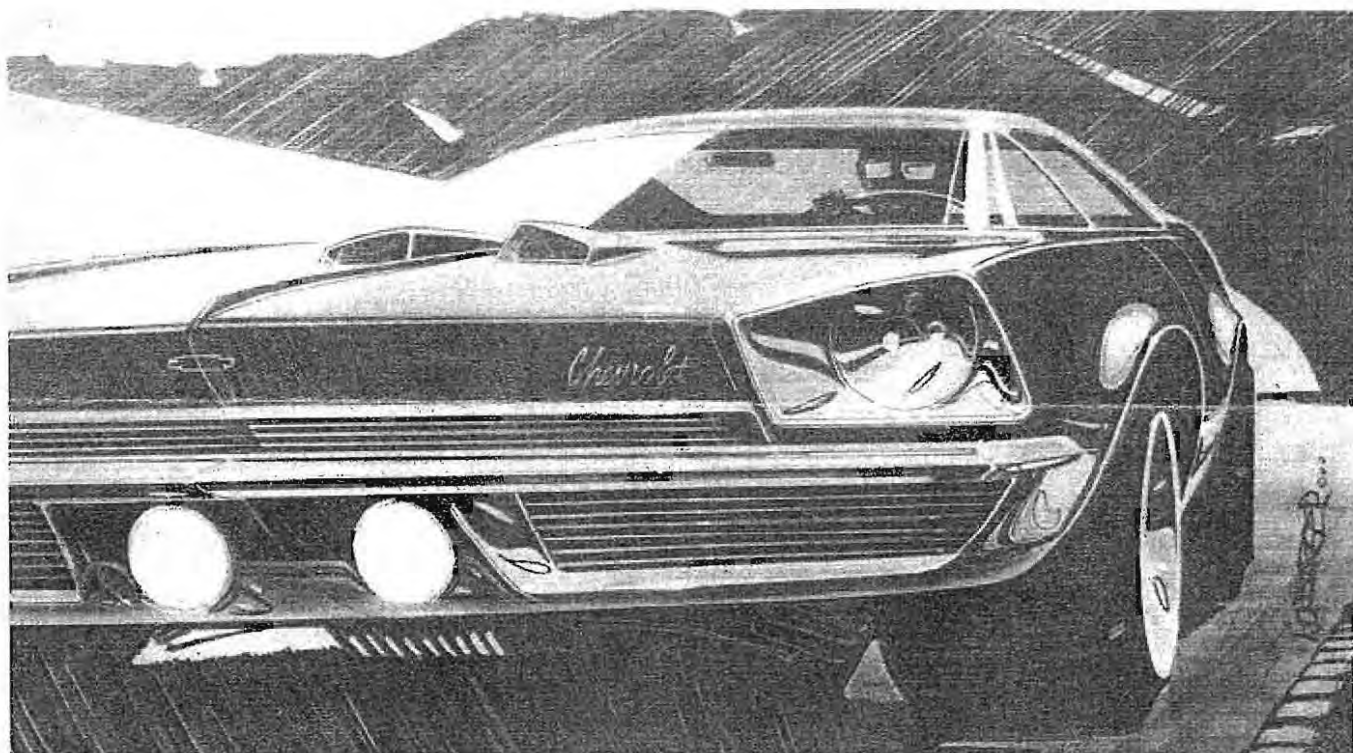


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What Chevy Might Have Built

The first 197? Corvair was created in clay in May of 1965. The XP-849 was titled the "Corvair II" and underwent several design changes until being abandoned in 1968. Pictured above is a later version of the XP-849 project car. See inside this issue for more design renderings of the XP-849 and other Corvair concept cars for the '70s.

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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.

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FEBRUARY 2004 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The February meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association was called to order by president Chris Cunningham at 7:30 pm. Members present were Dave Baker, Nancy Goodman, Bill Maynard, Barry Cunningham, Don Robinson, Van Pershing, Allen Elvick, Herb Berkman, Lance Gillingham, Chris Cunningham. Ted and Fred Christensen former members were visiting. Fred has a 66 Monza and Ted has a couple of vans and a 65 Corsa convertible, another car and an Ultravan.

Midmonth for Feb was a parts relocation party held on Saturday the 7th at John and Amy Torpey's garage. The parts were inventoried by several members and were relocated to Chris Cunningham's, Allen Elvick's, and Bill Maynard's. Lynn Marr has offered to consolidate the lists into a document that can be placed on our web site and will be available for members to find parts for their cars. There is some discussion about other ways to dispose of the parts to provide income for the club. Those options being an auction that would include inviting the Flagstaff and Phoenix clubs to participate and possibly hauling some parts to the fanbelt toss in November. It was recommended that the proposed auction not conflict with the fan belt toss and that maybe moving the parts at the fanbelt toss might be a better solution than an auction.....It was suggested that the club members should get first chance at purchasing parts. Pricing will be less than Clark's. More to come on this subject...

Upcoming activities were discussed. The next outing is breakfast at Fred's Arena near Three Points on March 14. We will leave the library meeting place at Mission and Ajo at 9:00 AM and tour out to Fred's. April 10th we are supposed to meet the Phoenix club in Superior at the Arboretum for the herb fest. We will be leaving from Wild Oats at 10:00 AM. Nothing has been decided for May so if you have any ideas, let the board know your wishes. June will be the Oracle Heights potluck and swim details later.

Herb was announced as the 2003 Bryan Lynch award recipient. Now that he has won this award and has become famous, we find that he and Jonni are moving to Brighton Colorado in the next few months. John and Amy Torpey are moving to Colorado Springs. We really are going to miss them. What is it with Colorado anyway? It is pretty country but they do have cold and snow.....maybe they will come to their senses and come back.

Report from the merchandise chairman, Don Robinson, indicated that we don't have much stock. We do have some really great coffee mugs for corvair lovers.

Treasurer report was read and we started the month with \$4266.51 and ended the month with \$4280.51. There was a suggestion that our club participate in a nationally sponsored scholarship fund which will be discussed later. We do donate to the community food bank and the Casa De Los Ninos foundation.

The raffle was postponed until next meeting. There were 4 corvair drivers.....Van Pershing, Don Robinson, Dave Martin, and Bill Maynard.

The nominees for this years officers were presented to the membership at the meeting. They are as follows:

Bill Maynard -----President
Barry Cunningham.....Vice President
Allen Elvick.....Secretary, Treasurer, membership chairman
Dave Lynch.....Board member at Large
Chris Cunningham volunteered to give Don Robinson a break as Editor
Van Pershing will continue as assistant editor
Lance Gillingham will continue as librarian
Paul Dunn will continue as Webmaster

Chris moved to accept this worthy group and Herb seconded....all approved....

Don Henn has his nice '63 coupe with 140 and 4 barrel for sale. Look for the ad in the Corvairsation..
Dave Baker still has a late model bumper in prime condition for sale for \$50.00.

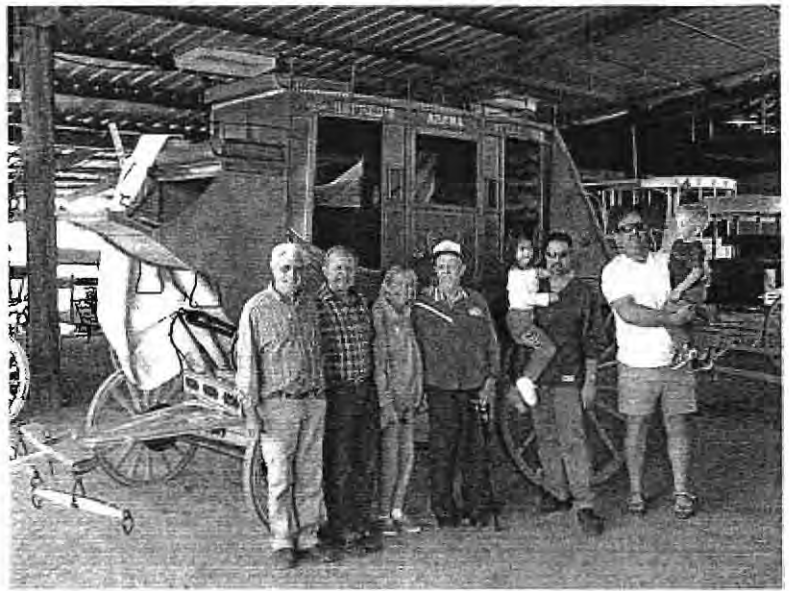
Herb wants someone to buy the engine that he has had for sale so he doesn't have to move it. Barry volunteered to take it so Herb won't need to worry about moving it.

Don Robinson discussed a tech issue regarding a problem with the 4-speed tranny in his convertible becoming hard to shift after driving only 5-10 miles. Seems to be fine when cold. Suggestion that it might be the pressure plate.

Dave Lynch had some free Tucson Open tickets available and Barry said Cassidy has lost her first tooth. I guess he is ready to fork over some money for the tooth fairy.....Allen

From The President...

What a great day for a Sunday drive to Fred's Arena. Five Corvairs showed up at Tucson/Pima library at 9am. One was a Buick disguised as a Corvair. Chris, Barry with his daughter Cassidy, Dave Lynch with his son Patrick were there. Allen Elvick came with his daughter's car, and me with my car. Dave and Nancy came in his (Buick)? Corvair. After breakfast we all walked around the arena to look at all the horse drawn wagons. The kids had a good time petting the horses and climbing in all the wagons.



I'm looking forward to seeing everybody at the meeting on Wednesday the 24th.

Bill



Convertibles Rule!

At least, that was the case last Sunday at Freds. If you don't have your top down by now, well, what's the use?

Visiting Freds on a Sunday means you can load up on the biscuits and gravy; and we did just that. They were superb.

If I'm not mistaken, I saw Dave and Nancy leave early in one of those wagons. He must have traded in his Buick for a conestoga.

Newsletter Under New Management

In addition to the Club being under new management, the newsletter has fallen under the control of the immediate past president. I would like to acknowledge the splendid efforts of Don Robinson for being the Corvairsation editor for many years. Don is taking a break from editing for now, but will continue to read.

Allen Elvick reported to me recently that we have not received annual dues from several members. If you know who you are, and I hope that you do, please remember to see Allen soon.

Happy Motoring, *Chris*

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TCA 2004 Events at a Glance

MARCH

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

APRIL

10 SAT *Herb Festival Rendezvous w/ Cactus Corvair of Phx.* Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park. 9:30am Wild Oats 7133 Oracle Rd.

14 WED *TCA Board Mtg.* Guadalajara Grill, 1730 E. Prince, 6:30pm.

28 WED *Regular Monthly Meeting* - 6pm.
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MAY

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

15 SAT *Tune Up Clinic at Chris Cunningham's* 1026 S. 7th Ave. 9am-1pm, 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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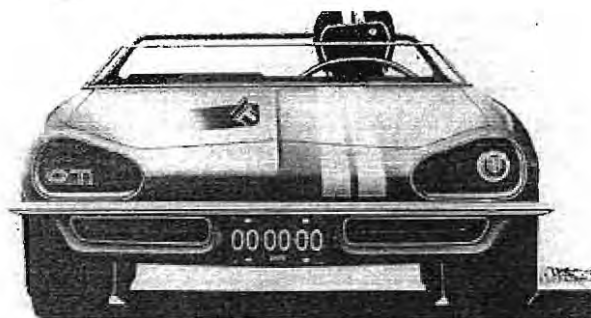
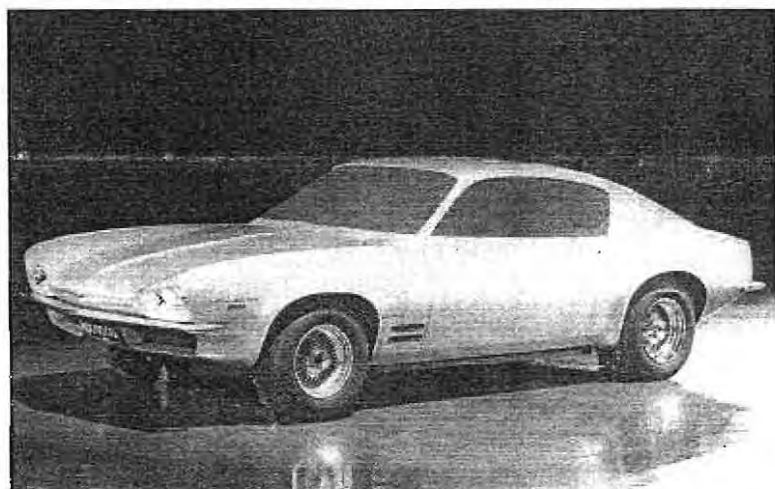
What Chevy Might Have Built, continued from front cover.



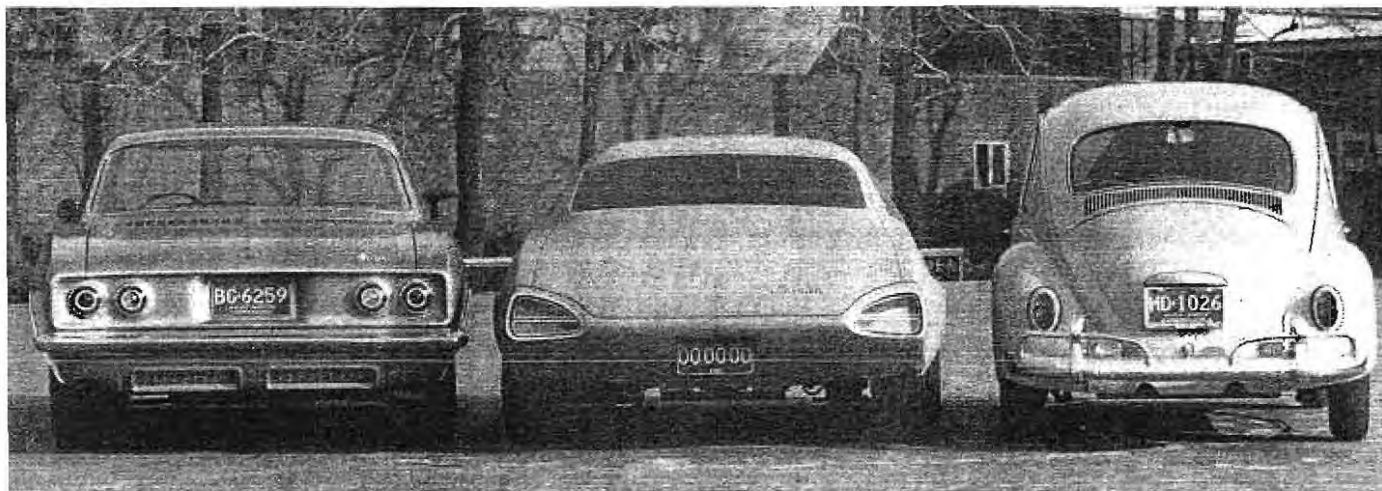
Left and below: The last of the XP-892, June 1968. Reminiscent of the '70 Camaro and the 240z front end, the XP-892 had plenty of greenhouse treatment.



Left: A full-sized model of the XP-982 reveals similarities with the Pontiac Grand-Am of later years. Note louvered air grill for air-cooled powerplant.



Above: Early design ideas for the XP-873 included Corvette-like roadster. Left: The XP-873 sported a rear hatch while the entire hood and fender assembly was engineered to lift up like a Jaguar XK-E.



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Note: These photos originally appeared in *Special Interest Autos* April 1982, an affiliate of Hemmings Motor News.

Spares & Vairs

For Sale: 1963 Monza Coupe, red, 140hp with Carter 4-barrel. Drives great, nice interior, must sell. Best offer, Donn 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, bearings, arms, trim, misc. **March Special:** 140hp, 4-tube crossover (used) Clarks price: \$38+ shipping - TCA price: \$20 thanks bye out the door! Contact Chris at 520-670-9676.

For Sale: Late Model rear bumper, rechromed, near perfect. \$ 50. Dave Baker (520) 747-0840.

For Sale: 1964 Monza convertible, Automatic. Needs restoration. Extra parts. \$495. John Torpey. (520) 531-0875.

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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.

Upcoming Events:

Herb Festival Rendezvous with Cactus Corvair of Phoenix

Saturday, April 10, from 11 am -3pm.

The charming and enchanting Wing Memorial Herb Garden at Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park is the setting for this festival. With live music and live culinary demonstrations of herbal cuisine, this event also includes children's games and crafts, and exhibits by local herbalists. There will also be a variety of herbs available for purchase.

Meet at 9:30am Wild Oats rear parking lot - 7133 Oracle Rd.

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