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Road Trip to Superior Arizona, But First, a Tune-Up...

Kids and adults flocked to Bill Maynard's chicken ranch on Sunday March 20th for the Club's biannual tune-up clinic. Chief mechanic and retired chicken choaker, Bill Maynard, along with Dr. Julius "Heathkit" Berky took charge over the sick and ailing cars that were brought to the clinic.

Also tending to the tune-up duties were Miles "Fighter Pilot" Baker, Barry and technical assistant Cassidy Cunningham, Dave "Huge Discount at Kents" Lynch with sidekick Patrick. Lynn Marrs dropped her secretarial role and organized for the midday feast.

Dr. Berky, (garbed in official Tucson tune-up scrubs: t-shirt and shorts) came prepared for a Heathkit Electronics Fiftieth Jubilee.

Remember the Heathkit?



L to R: Doc and his stroboscope tachometer used for analyzing rotary motion, Nancy Goodman, Chris Cunningham, and Dave Baker.

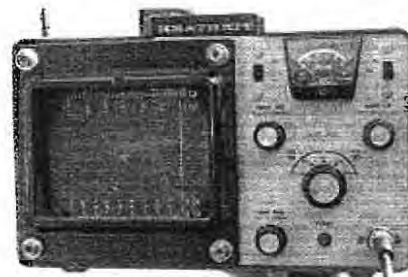


L to R: Bill Maynard, Dave Lynch, and Barry Cunningham check for signs of life; barely a heartbeat.

Berky does. A kitchen table engineer since the age of six, Julius took an early interest in electronic kits. Today he brought a oscilloscope like instrument that is used check primary and secondary ignition circuits and display the results in wave form on a little screen.

The progenitor of all Heath Company kits was a five-inch oscilloscope, introduced in 1947 at a price of \$39.95.

Heathkits were first marketed by mail-advertisements appearing in popular amateur radio publications such as Popular Electronics, Radio Electronics, and others.



Heathkit Ignition Analyzer

Popular during the 1960s, Heath once produced over 300 different kits from amateur radio kits to hi-fi component kits to fish caller kits.

Dr. Berky used his infared temperature sensor to determine the temperature variance at the base of

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Tucson Corvair Association Established 1975

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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.

Membership Dues are \$15 for individuals and \$18 for families. Initial dues are \$19 for individuals and \$22 for families (includes name tags). Make checks payable to Tucson Corvair Association.

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Classified Ads are free to members and \$3 per 4-line ad to non-members. Deadline for materials submitted for publication in the Corvairsation is the 10th of the month.

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Mountain View Restaurant to Close

The Mountain View Restaurant on Prince Road has been sold to Outlet Electric Company. Our Club has been meeting at the restaurant for the last five years and will have one more meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30pm.

Ladi, the current owner, is retiring from the restaurant business, but will keep the apartment complex located behind the restaurant. The new owners will expand their electric supply business, which is located next door, but may incorporate a restaurant of some kind in the future, according to Ladi.

A new location for Tucson Corvair Association meetings must be found for May 2005 and beyond. Bring your suggestions to the April 27th meeting.

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Tune-Up

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the carburetors on Chris Cunningham's '64 convertible. Barry used it for cooking the hamburgers.

Declining interest in build-it-yourself electronics - due to the advent of the integrated circuit and computers - resulted in Heathkit closing its doors in the mid-1980s after nearly 45 years of turning on geeks and gear heads.

The Heathkit Company is completely out of the electronic kit business and now concentrates on Heathkit Educational Systems electronic learning materials for classrooms, schools and training centers.

Dave Martin brought his car in for a diagnosis. It was running rough, in fact it has been running rough for a long time he said. After a few preliminary adjustments it was still missing on one cylinder. Bill could hear a faulty intake valve. A valve job was needed. But when Bill got a better look, he saw a damaged valve seat along with a damaged cylinder head.

It looks like Dave will be driving his Avanti around for a while while Bill orders up the parts to fix the valve seat.

It was a super day for tuning up the cars. The Club provided plenty of experience and advice for all who came. The next Tune-Up Clinic will be scheduled in the fall. Stay tuned for more details...Don't miss it!



Cassidy Cunningham and Patrick Lynch fooling around in the front seat of uncle Chris' 1964 Monza convertible.

April in Arizona: Road Trip to Superior

Three Corvairs from Tucson made the trip to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior Arizona on April 9. There were about five or six from the Phoenix Club. The annual trek brings both clubs together for a spring picnic in beautiful Superior

The picnic coincides with the Arboretum's annual Herb Festival. Musical entertainers and visual artists set up their gear near the creek near the main walking trail.

The Phoenix Club provided the meats for grilling. The picnic area now has permanent grills set up and plenty of tables in the shade. About thirty car club members

enjoyed the day. Below are pictures from the parking lot.



Say it with a continental kit. One of a kind!

1968 Coupe



Hannah Cole admires a very clean 1964



March 2005 General Membership Minutes

March 23, 2005

Members Present: Bill Maynard, Lynn Marrs, Dave Baker, Nancy Let's Have a Good Time) Goodman, Dave Martin, Don Robinson, Barry Cunningham, John and Amy Young, Paul and Art Dunn, Guest: Bruce Porter

President Bill Maynard called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Approval of the Minutes for January: : Barry Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Don Robinson seconded this, the motion passed.

Presidents Report: Bill Maynard reported that there were five Corvairs and a Buick at the Tune-up clinic held at Bill Maynard's place. Julius brought several of his electronic strobes and lasers to check out several of the cars. Lunch was provided for the club members that came to the tune-up clinic in Bill's back yard. If you did not make it, you missed out on a lot of Corvair information.

Vice-Presidents Report: Barry Cunningham noted that the next mid-month outing will be to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in downtown Superior, Arizona. Everyone is to meet at the Metropolitan Grill at Oracle and Magee at 9am. Cactus Corvair Club will be the host the picnic

Raffle Winners: Dave Baker, Bill Maynard and Amy Young.

New Business: Paul Dunn and Dave Lynch will work on producing a Web page. Paul Dunn was instructed to purchase the necessary software and lead the way to updating the award-winning Web site corvairs.org

Library: It was reported that Lance Gillingham is doing very well and getting around in a wheelchair. He is in high spirits. Bill Maynard and Lance went thru some of Lance's things in Lance's garage.

Treasurer's Report - No report at this time

Corvair Talk: Dave Baker said he knew where there was a 1965 Blue Convertible 4 dr, 110hp The A/C, is not hooked up. Paul Dunn and Dave stated there are a lot if CORVAIR parts on eBay.

Merchandise - No report at this time.

People Driving Corvairs Tonight: Bill Maynard, David Lynch, Jerry Roethlisberger, Don Robinson, and Barry Cunningham.

A Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 by Don Robinson and seconded by Amy Young. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Marrs, Recording Secretary

TCA 2005 Events at a Glance

APRIL

- 27 WED Regular Monthly Meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting
starts at 7pm. Mountain View
Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.
- 29 FRI-
SUN 12th Annual Beeline Cruise-In
and Charity Car Show Payson, AZ
Sponsored by the Rim Country Classic
Auto Club. Information: Larry Bertram,
928-472-7769.

MAY

- 11 WED TCA Board Mtg. Bum Steer 1910 N.
Stone Av. 6:30pm
- 22 SUN 1st Annual Tortolita Round Up, 14020
N. Gecko Canyon Tr., (Lynn Marrs')
520-297-8969.
- 25 WED Regular Monthly Meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting
starts at 7pm. Location TBA.

JUNE

- 8 WED TCA Board Mtg. India Oven 2727 N.
Campbell. 6:30pm
- 12 SUN Fred's Arena Breakfast Run 9650
S. Avra Rd., Meet at Ajo Branch Public
Library corner of Ajo and Mission Rd.
9am. For inf., call Barry: 733-7387.
- 22 WED Regular Monthly Meeting - 6pm.
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting
starts at 7pm. Location TBA.

Up-Date on You - Please Return to Bill Maynard, 3605 N. Vine, Tucson, AZ 85719 Thank you

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Do you have a Corvair? Year and Model _____

Spares and Vairs



FOR SALE: 1960 Corvair 4-dr parts car. O'Reilly Chevrolet/Tucson car. Rough but complete. Call Allen 883-4337 or Chris at 670-9676.

FOR SALE: '62 4-dr 700, 53,000 orig miles, nice Tucson car. '62 Greenbrier, 6-dr, 4sp. very orig., '64 Monza conv. yellow/tan 110-4-sp., '64 Monza conv. white/aqua 110-4-sp. restored in 2003, '64 Monza coupe white/aqua 95hp auto, air conditioning, '65 Monza coupe blue/blk 110 4-sp. ALSO '76 Alfa Romeo Alfetta GTV, '85 Saab 900 Turbo 3-dr Don Robinson, 2044 W. Shalimar Way, Tucson, AZ 85704, 520-297-1356 or fourcorvairs@hotmail.com



FOR SALE: '63 Corvair 2-dr 80hp. 33yrs same owner. Complete, needing restoration. \$300. Elliott: 520-742-3055.

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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.

April Meeting Place: Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 East Prince Road, 293-0375

Parking Lot Bull Session: 6pm - Dinner: 6:20pm (optional)

Meeting: 7pm. May 2005 New Meeting Place TBA

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 22 1st Annual Tortolita Round Up

14020 N. Gecko Canyon Tr., Lynn Marrs: 520-297-8969.



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