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### Want Longer Engine Life? Try 2-Ply Toilet Tissue

A True Story About "American Imagineering"

When the Frantz Oil Cleaner/Filter was first invented back in 1953 by John Frantz, crude oil was selling for \$1.81 a barrel. Gasoline was selling for \$.29 a gallon, and you had only two choices for toilet tissue.

The story of the Frantz Oil Cleaner began in Modesto, California when John Frantz decided ("imagineered") that the best way to filter oil was through a dense paper medium, so he grabbed a roll of toilet paper and stuffed it into an old tin can. It was a simple unit, however, analyses showed that it removed 97% all of foreign solids that typically accumulate in internal combustion engines.

Enter Skipper K. Yee in 1959. After hearing about the new filtration system that virtually eliminated the need for oil changes and used a roll of ordinary toilet tissue as an element, he contacted Mr. Frantz. The obvious benefits of such a product fueled the imagination of the Mr. Yee and by 1961 he and his wife Lois K. Yee, were incorporated and had the sole distribution rights for the Frantz Oil Cleaner.

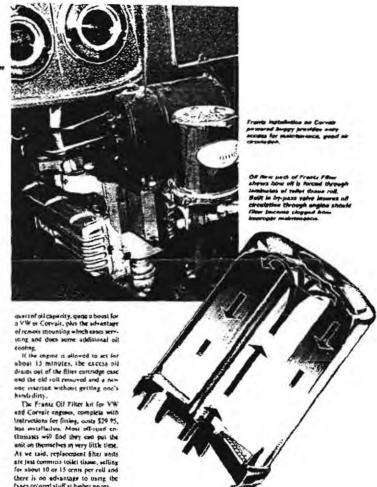
The Yees developed an ambitious marketing plan and a sales organization that utilized anyone who believed in the product and wanted to build "financial security with a future unlimited."

By 1965, SKY Corporation (Mr. Yee's intials) became international in scope when the headquarters was moved to Vancouver, B.C.. The oganization was growing fast; sales were increasing rapidly, a new assembly plant was built, and new warehouses were obtained. The sales and distribution organization in the United States alone numbered in the thousands while foreign franchises were being negotiated in Germany, Mexico, Australia, Japan and other parts of the world.

SKY Corporation relied on a direct sales method using Mr. and Mrs. Yee's marketing plan of success by overcoming obstacles and helping others to make their dreams come true.

#### A Real Success Story for Mr. Yee.

Born in Canton, China in 1921, Skipper came to the U.S. as a nine year old to live with relatives in Phoenix,



Arizona. At 15, he left Phoenix and headed for Stockton, California where he received community recognition for his athletic ability in spite of his small stature at 5'3" in height. While living at the YMCA in Stockton he won many awards and championships in boxing and wrestling.

After serving in World War II, Skipper graduated from the University of Pacific in Stockton, fell in love with Lois, married, and soon entered the direct sales profession. The SKY organization's manual of 1965, which contains details of the products, policies, training, recruiting, and marketing plan says that he and Lois gave

See Frantz page 3

#### 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 (CORSA) 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.

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.

Change of Address: Report any changes of address or phone number to the Membership Chairperson. Do not report such changes to the Corvairsation Editor.

CORSA Membership Dues are \$35 per year (\$70 for 26 months) and include subscription to the CORSA Communique, a monthly publication. CORSA membership is not required for membership in the TCA, but is highly recommended. See any TCA officer for more information.

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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#### Generosity of a Member

Reprinted from the April 2005 CORSA Communique

Enclosed is a check for \$500 from the Tucson Corvair Association for the Frank Winchell Memorial Scholarship Fund. The money was collected from the parts sales at the Great Western Fan Belt Toss in Palm Springs this past November. The parts had been donated to the club several years ago by Corvair Consultant Gordon Cauble to help provide additional income for the Tucson Club. We would like to acknowledge this longtime member's generosity for ultimately making this donation possible.

Allen Elvick, Treasurer
Tucson Corvair Association

Thank you too Allen and all who had a hand in the events leading up to this Scholarship donation. - Ed.

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#### Frantz

up a successful business enterprise in favor of the Frantz Oil Cleaner. In this product he saw an opportunity to create a large sales and distribution organization in which he and others could "share in unlimited sales and income potential offered by the Frantz Oil Cleaner as distributed under the SKY Marketing Plan."

His credo was "to be successful, you must offer the opportunity of your success to your fellow man."

"As a SKY distributor" he believed, "you are limited in your success only by your desire and your willingness to work to reach your goal."

SKY Corporation's production of the Frantz Oil Cleaner continued until 1988. The Frantz Oil Cleaner/Filter was remanufactured again around 1994 by George Walker Enterprises. George Walker sold and installed the original filters back in the 1960s for SKY Corporation. His new and improved Frantz filter is now sold under the company name of "We Filter It." After George's death in 2001, production continues under the direction of his daughter Deborah Walker Harley.

Many thanks to Mr. Don Reed for generously lending the Editor a copy of the SKY Corporation's Manual. Mr. Reed, who owns and drives a Corvair Ultravan, was a member of the SKY sales force back in the late '60s. He still uses a Frantz filter in several of his automobiles including his Honda Civic and claims that he has not changed the oil in over 25 years and it still looks new.

The accompaning advertisments and testamonials are just a small sample of the promotional materials that were included in the SKY Direct Sales Manual.

www.We Filter It.com

For more information on the new Frantz Oil Filters or other filter accessories produced by We Filter It, go to www.wefilterit.com or call 1-208-467-3726. They are located at 2422 12th Avenue Rd. #264 Nampa, ID 83686-6300.



#### Oil Color Changes

What Are They? What Causes Them?

Occasionally you will find that oil not containing the ashless detergent additive will become discolored even though filtered through the Frantz Oil Cleaner. The most common color changes and their causes are:

DEEP RED: Caused by red dye used in many premium grades of high octane gasoline. Minute amounts of fuel containing this dye carried into the erankcase will often color the oil a deep red. This dye contamination is harmless.

BLACK: Caused by fuel soot. Just a few tenths of a percent of this contaminant is enough to turn the oil coal black in color. This is most common in Diesel engines. Soot contamination is a direct indication of poor combustion and excessively rich fuel air mixtures. Its physical presence in the oil may be detected by the various tests for clean oil on page of this section as well as by laboratory analysis.

MILKY AND CLOUDY: Caused by the contamination of water in the oil. Since the Frantz will remove all normal amounts of moisture in the oil, thihs discoloration could be a direct indication of an abnormal engine condition and should be thoroughly investigated.

GREY: Caused by accumulation of lead salts in the oil. The tetra-ethyl lead anti-knock compound used in in high octane gasoline is converted to insoluable lead salts during combustion. These lead salts are light grey in color, so it is very common that the crankease oil wil become grey in quite a short time. These lead salts contribute to engine wear. The FOC keeps this material at a lower concentration than any other filter system.



PONONA, CALIFORNIA

DIFFICE OF THE

June 5, 1964

Sky Corporation Box 311 Stockton, California

#### -entlemen:

For the pist year this Department has been using the Frantz Oil Cleaner on police units in our fleet. Since installation of this equipment the oil has not been changed, except for the recommended addition of one quart at 1,000 mile intervals when the cartridge is changed.

After more than 30,000 miles of operation on these units an oil analysis shows the oil to be in suitable condition for further use and free of all harmful contamination. The engines in these units are exceptionally clean after this considerable period of operation.

I wish to thank your representatives for the prompt service of the oil filter units used by this Department.

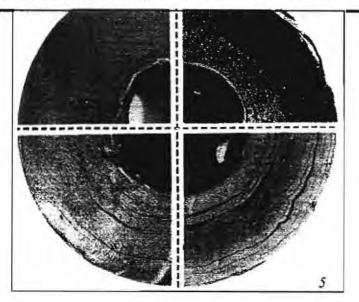
Very truly your

RALPH E. PARKER Chief of Police

#### A "Barometer" For Preventive Maintenance

The FOC because of its construction and filter element, is one of the greatest indicators of engine malfunctions.

"Reading" the used tissue element and taking a visual comparison with the Instant Engine Analysis Chart provides an early detection, not only of engine malfunction, but impending engine malfunction when deposits are seen. Such early detection of engine trouble can prevent more extensive damage and save your customer costly repair bills. (For detailed information on "reading" the tissue, refer to page 94 of the Installation manual.)



CARBON is formed in the ring zone and under piston heads from oxidation of oil due mainly to high piston temperatures and is deposited in the oil, as is fuel soot, from "blow-by."

FUEL SOOT and CARBON, alone with other solid contamination, when mixed with water, gums and resins, form sludge.

#### Varnish Gum and Resins

VARNISH and GUM resins are formed by unburned and partially burned fuel when exposed to even normal crankcase temperatures. While varnish and gum resins are also formed by the oxidation of oil due to extreme heat, fuel is the main source of the se contaminants.

#### Sludge

The combining of various solid contaminants with water, varnish and gum resins result in a gray-black to black colored substance with a consistency varying from that of a semi-fluid grease to that of a near solid. If allowed to accumulate, this substance would cause a thickening of the oil, plug piston rings and plug oil pump screens. Engine wear, and even engine damage, could then result.

#### Blow-By

"BLOW BY" is a term used to describe contaminants formed during the combustion process which leak past (blow-by) the piston rings and enter the crankcase. Most "blow-bv" is cleared by the crankcase ventilating system as it is formed. If the PCV valve or tube is plugged or clogged, however, the vapors are trapped in the crankcase, permitting a dangerous build-up of these contaminants. Not only will the oil become contaminated at many times the normal rate, but oil seals can be blown, resulting in an immediate loss of lubricating oil.

A positive crankcase ventilating system which is kept clean at all times will prevent any problems from blow-by build-up. For further information on how to keep the smog valve clean refer to page D-11 of this section under the heading SKY CORPORATION, THEIR ANSWER TO THE COMMON ENEMIES OF OIL.

#### CORVAIR 1960-on

OIL PRESSURE SOURCE:

Remove pipe plug (or sender unit) located on top of fullflow filter easing. Install Frants oil line in pressure opening with 45° Street L. If sender unit is located at pressure opening, install tee AND sender unit at lalet of Frantz Oil Cleaner. Add short length of electrical wire to oil gauge wire.

MOUNTING LOCATION:

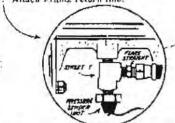
Frame cross member at rear of engine.

OIL RETURN:

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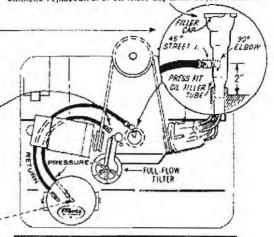
num casting. Drill 11/32" and tap 1/8" pipe thread 2"

from bottom end of tube. Install 45° Street L through tube
and into 90° clow to direct oil stream downward. Reinstall tube with return fitting on forward side of tube. Place
block of wood on top of tube and tap into place securely
with hammer. Attach Frantz return line.



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NOTE: The Corvair engine has a sealed crankcase which is vented through the smog valve. Accessive blow-by created in a worn engine has a tendency to escape through the worn filler two cap wasket causing oil apray on the engine. Recommend replacement of oil filler cap after 20,000 miles.



NOTE:

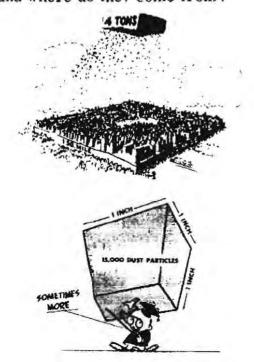
Route pressure and return lines forward under fan belt and generator. This will allow replacement of fan belt without disconnecting FOC.

To facilitate this installation, have a spare tube assembled in advance, Chevrolet Part No. 3785859.

#### THE COMMON ENEMIFS OF CLEAN OIL

#### Where Do They Come From?

It has been authoritatively stated "good motor oil won't wear out, but it can be contaminated to death." So the question is: What are these contaminants and where do they come from?



#### Dust and Dirt in the Atmosphere

Records show that as much as 4 tons of this contaminant fall to the earth per square mile a day. An average engine inhales approximately 10,000 gallons of air for each gallon of gas it uses. Even the most efficient air cleaner will not remove all the air-borne dust and dirt. Some of these contaminants which are highly abrasive in nature will therefore be admitted to the oil system.

#### March 2005 General **Membership Minutes**

May 25, 2005

Members Present: Bill Maynard, Lynn Marrs, Dave and Patrick Lynch, Dave Martin, Dave Baker, Chris Cunningham, Don Robinson, Allen Elvick, Paul Dunn and Art Dunn, Bruce Porter and Sherry and Lance Gillingham.

President Bill Maynard called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Approval of the Minutes for April: Allen Elvick made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Dave Lynch seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Presidents Report: Bill Maynard reported that the BBO out at Lyrur's place was very small because of the searing 109 degree temperature that day. Those who did come had a good time. The Corvair Club is meeting at the Broadway Café tonight, which is the new location to have their monthly dinner meetings as the Mountain View Restaurant has been sold

Vice-Presidents Report: Barry Cunningham -No report at this time.

Treasurers Report: Allen Elvick reported that the club treasure is in very good standing and will e-mail Lynn the financial report.

Librarian: Lance Gillingham stated that he needs to find another person and place to store the library as he is unable to keep up with

Raffle: No raffle tonight

#### New Business:

A Breakfast run will be made to Fred's Arena on Sunday, June 12, 2005. Meet at Mission and Ajo Library Branch at 9am.

The 2005 Corsa International Convention will take place in Portland, Oregon July 26 thru July 30, 2005. Members going are John and Amy Young, Bill Maynard and Lynn Marrs.

Corvair Talk: Dave Martin talked about the vapor lock in his Corvair and wondered what to do to get it running smoothly. Bruce Porter is looking for a RED convertible Corvair (late model) to purchase. Don Robinson talked about his gas gauge showing his tank is full and then drops to empty and car stops a block from his house, of course.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8pm by Dave Martin and seconded by Dave Baker. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.

Lynn Marrs Recording Secretary



Performance



## **TCA 2005** Events at a Glance

#### 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. Broadway Cafe.

JULY

**13 WED** TCA Board Mtg. Long Wongs. 2500 E.

6th St. SE corner of Tucson Blvd & 6th

St., 6:30pm.

**25 MON** Time Trials - Portland Oregon

> sponsored by Northeast Corvair Council Portland International Raceway inconjuction w/CORSA International Convention. Inf.: www.corvair.org/ chapters/necc, or Brian O'Neill, 973-

729-5586, bmoneill@juno.com

26-30 **CORSA International Convention** 

TUES-SAT Portland, Oregon, Host Hotel: Red Lion on the River, 800-733-5466, 503-283-4466, mention Corvair Society of America. Contact Bill Jabs, 503-684-

6595, or email: wiabs@verizon.net

**27 WED** Regular Monthly Meeting Broadway

Cafe, 4330 E. Broadway - 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting

starts at 7pm.

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10 WED TCA Board Mtg. Location TBA

**24 WED** Regular Monthly Meeting Broadway

Cafe, 4330 E. Broadway - 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting

starts at 7pm.

NOTE: No mid-month activities in July or August.

## Spares and Vairs



1960 Corvair 4-dr parts car. O'Reilly Chevrolet/Tucson car. Rough but FOR SALE:

complete. Call Allen 883-4337 or Chris at 670-9676.

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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 Wav.

Tucson, AZ 85704, 520-297-1356 or fourcorvairs@hotmail.com

'63 Corvair 2-dr 80hp. 33yrs same owner. Complete; needing restoration. FOR SALE:

\$300. Elliott: 520-742-3055. FOR SALE:

LM Arm Rest Bases, (2) Clark's Repros, new. \$20, Dave: 574-3135. FOR SALE: 1963 convt, 700 miles on rebuilt 110hp, 4-sp, high vol. oil pump, 12-plate oil

cooler, automatic belt tensioner, powder-coated shrouds, chrome gas lines, mag rims English tonneau, white car w/red int. Asking \$4000. Al Crispin:

FOR SALE: LM shrouds - powder coated black, complete upper and lower, \$400 Al

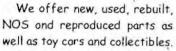
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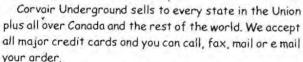
FOR SALE: 1962 Rampside rebuilt 4-sp transaxle, 1964 327 transaxle case lots of new

parts. Needs body work. Al Crispin: 722-9445.

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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: Broadway Cafe, 4330 East Broadway, 327-1957 Parking Lot Bull Session: 6pm - Dinner: 6:20pm (optional) Meeting: 7pm.

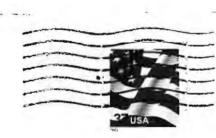
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## HOW TO "POLICE" AN ENGINE OIL PROBLEM



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