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## Shuffle off to Buffalo

Mark your calendars, make your plans, and get set now to attend the 2006 CORSA International Convention in Buffalo, New York, July 25-29, 2006.

This year's convention will shuffle Corvair enthusiasts to a locale that was once known as the "Honeymoon Capital of the United States" -- the Niagara Falls region of northwestern New York State.

Hosted by CORSA Ontario, the Association of Corvair Nuts, the Niagara Frontier Corvair Club, and the Central New York Corvair Club, the convention brings the Corvair back to the corporate home of the Chevrolet Corporation in the early days of General Motors.

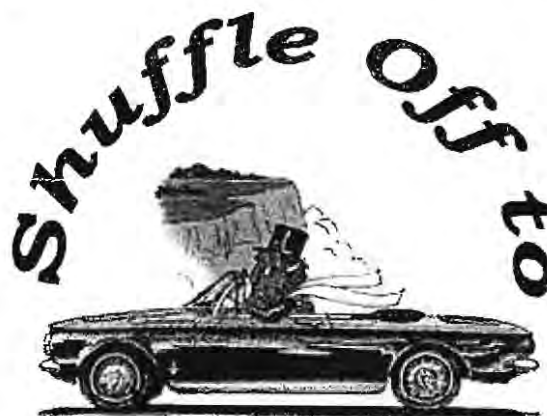
Both the original assembly plant, now American Axle, and the original engine plant, now the Tonawanda GM Power Train plant, are located here. Each of the facilities became major players in the production of the Corvair Power Train. The original Chevrolet assembly plant, located in downtown Buffalo, became part of the Saginaw division of GM by 1960 and built the axles, differential assemblies and manual transmissions.

The engine plant, which is located in the Buffalo suburb of Tonawanda, built all the Corvair Engines. Tours of the engine and power train plants, as well as an evening discussion with retired GM line workers, will be events you will not want to miss.

Western New York is an extremely scenic area. The Buffalo/Niagara region is surrounded by farmland that includes the foothills of the Allegany Mountains, two of the great lakes, Erie and Ontario, boasting spectacular shorelines and water sports galore. The area is also home to the Erie Canal and the best known waterfalls in America, Niagara Falls.

The diversity of planned convention attractions include tours of local world-renowned architecture, historic forts, the Erie Canal, and of course, Niagara Falls. For those ready to strike out on their own, there are numerous parks, lakeshore vineyards, and several world class Casinos.

The host Hotel is the beautiful Adams Mark, located in the renovated harbor district of the city of Buffalo. It is just a few minutes walk from the most picturesque waterfront locations, including a small boat harbor, gardens, a Naval park with three World War two vintage warships, a museum and numerous outside displays. There are also a variety of eating establishments, ranging from fast food to local brew shops within walking distance.



## Buffalo Niagara

The Convention room rate is \$95 plus tax. Call 800-444-2326 for reservations. It's only 25 minutes from Niagara Falls and 15 minutes from the airport.

Hotel accommodations include a large, attached and covered two floor parking garage along with additional secure parking across the street. The attached convention areas include a huge banquet area and an indoor mezzanine large enough to allow all the vendors to stretch their displays out as never before.

The Concourse and Car Display will be hosted in a waterfront park only a couple of miles drive away. The Rally and Economy runs will depart just a few miles south of the Hotel and will take the participants along the lakeshore and through the rural portion of western New York.

## 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 (CORSAs) 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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*1960 700 Sedan gathering dust somewhere in Tucson*

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# CORSA

# Corvair Trivia

by Charlie West, Coastal Plain Corvair

Below are a few Corvair trivia questions Coastal Plain Corvair Club used for fun at their last meeting. Put on your thinking caps and good luck. Bring your answers to the next meeting and you will receive a prize.

1. What year saw the largest total production of Corvair vehicles?  
a. 1961                      b. 1963                      c. 1965
2. Which model had the lowest production number of all Corvair vehicles?  
a. '69 Monza convt.    b. '65 Greenbrier    c. '62 Loadside
3. Which model had the highest production number of all Corvair vehicles?  
a. '60 700 sedan    b. '62 Monza coupe    c. '63 Monza convt.
4. How many 1969 models were produced?  
a. 7,860                      b. 6,000                      c. 5,321
5. What was the final year of Forward Control production?  
a. 1964                      b. 1965                      c. 1966
6. What model years were the station wagons produced?  
a. 1961-1963              b. 1962-1963              c. 1961
7. Which model year had the largest production of Monza convertibles?  
a. 1963                      b. 1964                      c. 1965
8. The Forward Control family included \_\_\_\_\_ models.  
a. 4                              b. 3                              c. 5
9. Spyder-optioned cars were offered for sale during which model years?  
a. 1962-1963              b. 1962-1966              c. 1962-1964
10. Corsa turbocharged models were offered for sale during which model years?  
a. 1965-1967              b. 1964-1965              c. 1965-1966

## CORSA Offers FREE Gifts to New Members

If you've thought about joining the Corvair Society of America (CORSA), but needed a little bit more of an incentive than their beautiful monthly newsletter, the *CORSA Communique*, or the column on informative Tech Topics, CORSA's latest membership promotion may be just what you've been waiting for.

If you have not been a member in the last three years and join up before December 31, 2006, you will receive a free copy of the 185-page book, *Corvair Basics*. The book describes itself as "an introduction to the unique technical and mechanical aspects of the 1960-1969 Chevrolet Corvair."

Featuring 39 chapters and an appendix, *Corvair Basics* covers everything from Corvair history, to vehicle identification, including buying tips, air conditioning, exhaust, suspension, wheels, and tips on troubleshooting, plus much more. The book's contents cover pretty much everything dealing with Corvairs.

To download a CORSA membership application with the special offer coupon, visit [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org).

Now is the time to join up for the first time or to come back to CORSA to be part of the Corvair hobby that is dedicated to preserving and promoting Chevrolet's innovative fun car, the Corvair.





## ***Copperstate 100 Road Rallye Rendevous April 22 in Superior***

Each year the Tucson Corvair Association and the Cactus Corvair Association get together to spin tales (and donuts too) about the past, present and future of the their number one interest, the Corvair. The Tucson drivers traverse about 100 miles north on beautiful Highway 77 through Oracle and Mammoth to Winkelman. Then grabbing a left onto Highway 177 through Hayden and Kearny to Superior. The Phoenix Club travel about 50 miles east through Mesa and Apache Junction. For the last four years we have chosen the Boyce Thompson Arboretum as the rendevous point because of its natural breathtaking beauty. And our trips usually coincide with the Herb Festival scheduled in April of each year.

This year we will miss the Herb Festival by two weeks, but plan to have a delightfull picnic under the tall trees as usual. Not to be out done this year, we have scaled our April mid-month activity to resemble the Copperstate 1000 Road Rally, only ours is a little bit more economical.

The Copperstate Rallye has drivers traverse 1000 miles of Arizona roadway in a fundraiser for the Phoenix Art Museum; this year the Copperstate ended with a lunchtime pit-stop at the Arboretum before completing the final hour's drive to Phoenix.

Some of the 60 rallye cars represented makers Porsche, Maserati, Lamborghini, Aston-Martin, BMW and Bentley. Participants each paid more than \$4,000 to participate in the rallye, funds which benefit the museum.

Seeing that there were no Corvairs that we know of in the Copperstate 1000, it was decided that we should make plans to have our own scaled-down version of the Copperstate 1000, perhaps a Copperstate 100. Therefore, why not give it a try. Who knows, maybe this can turn out to be an annual event and even a fundraiser for a worthy cause.

So, dust off your Corvair on Saturday, April 22 and head to Trader Joes parking lot on the corner of Oracle and Magee roads. All comers are welcome. Be there by 9:30am. The Tucson Club will handle the food service this year, so bring a dish to share. Our Club will provide the main course for grilling.

Don't forget the pre-Rallye Tune-Up Clinic scheduled for this Sunday, April 9, at Bill Maynard's. See details on the back on the mailing panel.

## **Hubbard Trust Preservation Fund**

An account has been opened at JP Morgan/ Chase Bank for donations for the preservation of Tom Hubbard's Museum and collection of air-cooled Franklin's.

A law suit has been filed in the court of Arizona to keep the museum from moving to Cazenovia, New York and to remove the Trustees of the Thomas Hill Hubbard/ H. H. Franklin Foundation who have violated Tom Hubbard's Trust.

A Tucson judge has granted an injunction until the courts rule on the matter.

The Tucson Corvair Association was the first local car club to make a donation to the fund. It is hoped that other car clubs will follow with similar donations. Individuals are encouraged to make a donation too.

Thomas H. Hubbard of Tucson, Arizona, died January 2, 1993, at the young age of 67. Mr. Hubbard was a well-known Tucson auto restorer and car history buff who was recognized as a leading authority on the Franklin automobile.

Tom's major car club activities involved The H. H. Franklin Club (which he founded), the Antique Automobile Club of America and the Classic Car Club of America. In addition to his automotive activities, he provided philanthropic support to several organizations which he strongly believed in, including the Nature Conservancy and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.

Tom Hubbard was born January 3, 1925, in Worcester, Massachusetts. He attended New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell and graduated in 1943, he enrolled at the University of Arizona and received a bachelor's degree in English in 1947; he had a keen interest in architecture. Once out of school, Mr. Hubbard worked for Magma Copper Company until 1952. He then developed a mobile home park in Oracle, Arizona, which largely served miners and their families. He owned property in Oracle until the time of his death. Mr. Hubbard was one of several donors who made possible the purchase of the old Oracle Post Office building which now houses the new Oracle Public Library.

In the public interest of the community, and in honor of what Tom Hubbard started here in Tucson, please send a check to Chris Cunningham, 1026 S. 7th Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701, or Evie Lorenson, at 5529 W. Crimson Bluff, Tucson, AZ 85653. This museum belongs in Tucson, not in New York.

For more inforamtion, please call 520-670-9676.

# TCA 2006 Events at a Glance

## APR

**2 SUN** *Poppy Run 2006* sponsored by Ventura Co Corvairs largest Corvair moving event in CA Info: corvairjack@yahoo.net, 805-984-2692.

**9 SUN** *Corvair Tune Up Clinic at Maynard's Chicken Ranch* 10am-4pm, 3605 N. Vine, 325-8497.

**12 WED** *TCA Board Mtg.* Silver Saddle Steak House, I-10 & 6th AV. 6:30pm.

**20-22 TH FRI, SAT** *AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Western Spring Meet*, Tucson Hilton East, Hosted by AACA Tucson Region, Info: Ron Sotardi, 749-8659.

**22 SAT** *Copperstate 100 Rallye Rendezvous with Cactus Corvair at Superior Arboretum* Meet at Trader Joes parking lot, corner of Oracle and Magee roads at 9:30.

**26 SUN** *Regular Monthly Meeting* Micha's North, 1220 East Prince Road, 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm

## MAY

**10 WED** *TCA Board Mtg.* Home Plate Sports Pub, 4880 E. 22nd St. 745-8265.

**20 SAT** *New England Spring Dust-Off* • Hopkinton NH Central New Hampshire Corvair Assn. Join us Saturday rain or shine Saturday at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds from 9:30-3:00. 24 people's choice trophies, dash plaques, silent auction, valve cover races, children's amusement tent, raffle and door prizes, and more. Food vendors and restrooms on site. Contact Jon, 603/934-6476.

**21 SUN** *Corvair Tune Up Clinic at Maynard's Chicken Ranch* If you missed the April Clinic, now's your chance to get on the ball. 10am-4pm, 3605 N. Vine, 325-8497.

**24 SUN** *Regular Monthly Meeting* Micha's North, 1220 East Prince Road, 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm

## How Old Are Your Tires?

(Editor's note: This is excerpted from a Tech Tips article which appeared in the Jan 2006 issue of VAIRMAIL, the newsletter of the San Diego Corvair Club. Thank you SDCC.)

...general consensus is between six to ten years from the date of manufacture is about the limit, or five years in service, at which time, the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) says:

*"Tires older than five years from manufacturing date must be inspected by a professional at least annually."*

So, how do you find out how old your tires are?

In the old days, it was a chore because you had to climb under the car to check out the inner sidewall of the tire. Starting in the year 2000 manufacturers began using a 4-digit code on both sides of the tire. (Previously, it was a three-digit mark in the which you had to guess at the decade.) It is located near the edge of the wheel rim in the DOT compliance stamp molded into the tire. Look for the last four digits. They can be deciphered as the first two indicating the week of the year and the last two indicating the year. For example; "1202" translates to the twelfth week (late March) of 2002.

For all intents and purposes, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and your favorite tire maker consider a tire manufactured in late March of 2002 will be litigiously unsafe by April of 2007, the fifth year from casting the tire. (A tire date 1200 is "old" and any 3-digit code is certainly out.) The manufacturer suggests that you have this tire professionally inspected late next year.

Most of the information molded into the sidewall, we've learned over the years, adds a little more knowledge -- and perhaps something else for your arsenal when haggling over the price on that next Corvair.

Next time you are in the market for new tires, insist on the newest in the inventory, but be advised, you may have to show the salesperson how to read the date code.

**The most important factors in tire care are:**

- Proper Inflation Pressure
- Proper Vehicle Loading
- Proper Tire Wear
- Regular Inspection
- Good Driving Habits



# February 2006 General Membership Minutes

February 22, 2006

**Members Present:** Bill Maynard, Lynn Marrs, Dave Lynch, Allen Elvick, Mike Strong, Chris Cunningham, Barry Cunningham, Don Robinson, Bruce Robinson, Jerry and Midge Roethlisberger, Ed Segerstrom, and Ken and Judy Brown.

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

**Approval of the Minutes for January 2006:** Don Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Ken Brown, seconded this, the motion passed.

**President's Report:** We need your help! Please think of activities you would enjoy doing with the club and make a list. It is important for the club to do things as a group to keep the interest up and people participating. So please help us.

**Vice-President's Report:** Barry Cunningham noted that the middle of the month event turned into a rally trying to find breakfast for all of us before going to Woodies Museum near 22nd St. The cars were beautifully restored. It was a treat to see such perfection. There were four large garages filled with cars and tools.

Our March mid month outing will be also be a lot of fun. On March 19th at 9:30am, we shall meet in the parking lot of Trader Joes at Magee and Oracle and caravan up to the Renaissance Festival for the day. It will be a day of great enjoyment.

**2006 Dues:** Some of our members have paid and some have not, so if you have not, please remember to pay.

**Treasurers Report:** Allen Elvick reported that the bank account started at \$3694.54, total income was \$79.00 from Dues, total expense's going out were \$41.42, so the total balance is \$3732.12 at this time.

**Raffle Tonight:** Raffle winners tonight were, Midge Roethlisberger and she got a pair of fuzzy dice, Chris Cunningham got a pair of fuzzy dice, Lynn Marrs got a ticket to the Renaissance Festival. Gifts for our next meeting will be given by Ken Brown, Allen Elvick, Chris Cunningham, and Mike Strong.

**Election of 2006 Officers:** Bill Maynard made history being voted into office for a third consecutive term. Dave Lynch was voted in to be the Vice-President, Lynn Marrs will be the Recording Secretary for the third year. Treasurer will be Allen Elvick and he will also be in charge of membership. Bill Maynard is the Librarian, Don Robinson will still be in charge of Merchandise. Van Pershing will be the Webmaster, Chris Cunningham is the Editor. The vote was taken and they were voted unanimously into their offices,

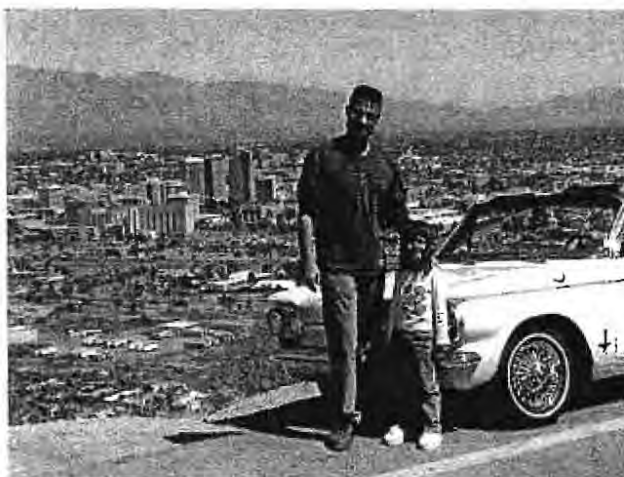
**Tech Talk:** Ken Brown asked about spray paint for car seats

such as vinyl paint and if it wears off on clothes. Eastwood catalogue would be the best place to get the spray paint for the car seats. Some of it wears off after awhile. Discussion about ball joints and choke linkage took place.

**Adjournment:** A Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10pm by Don Robinson and seconded by Ed Segerstrom. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn Marrs*  
Recording Secretary



*Barry and Cassidy Cunningham on Sentinel Peak 2004*



*Hot chicks in a hot car! Still looking good 30 years later.*



*It doesn't get much better than this!*

# 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:** 1963 Corvair. Same Tucson owner last 25 years. Rebuilt everything, including recent tires, brakes, clutch, elec. fuel pump, rear window. Ask Bill Maynard about this car. Needs radio and minor cosmetics. \$3900. 326-2701 Dave Martin.

**FOR SALE:** LM shrouds - powder coated black, complete upper and lower, was \$400, now \$350, Al Crispin: 722-9445.

**FOR SALE:** '66 CORSA, 140/4, Black w/ black interior, factory A/C, Original paint, AZ car, no rust, needs weather stripping. Nice car. Call Mike, 603-5896

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**Meeting Place:** Micha's North, 1220 East Prince Road, (formerly Mt View Restr.) Parking Lot Bull Session: 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.

Raffle gifts for our next meeting will be given by Bruce Porter, Allen Elvick, Bill Maynard, and Mike Strong.

***Upcoming Events:***

April 9, Sunday

***Corvair Tune Up Clinic*** Bill Maynard hosts. Bring your car and don't miss this opportunity to get your car checked out by the pros. Bring a dish to share too. 10am-4pm, 3605 N. Vine, 325-8497.

April 22, Saturday

***Boyce Thompson Arboretum***

Join the Cactus Corvair Club in beautiful Superior, AZ for our annual Copperstate 100 Rallye! Meet in Trader Joes parking lot Oracle at Magee at 9:30am.



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