

April Mid-Month Activity

Cruise to the Casa Grande Ruins near Coolidge

COME JOIN US!

What: A trip to the Casa Grande Indian Ruins near Coolidge, Arizona.

When: Sunday, April 19, 2009

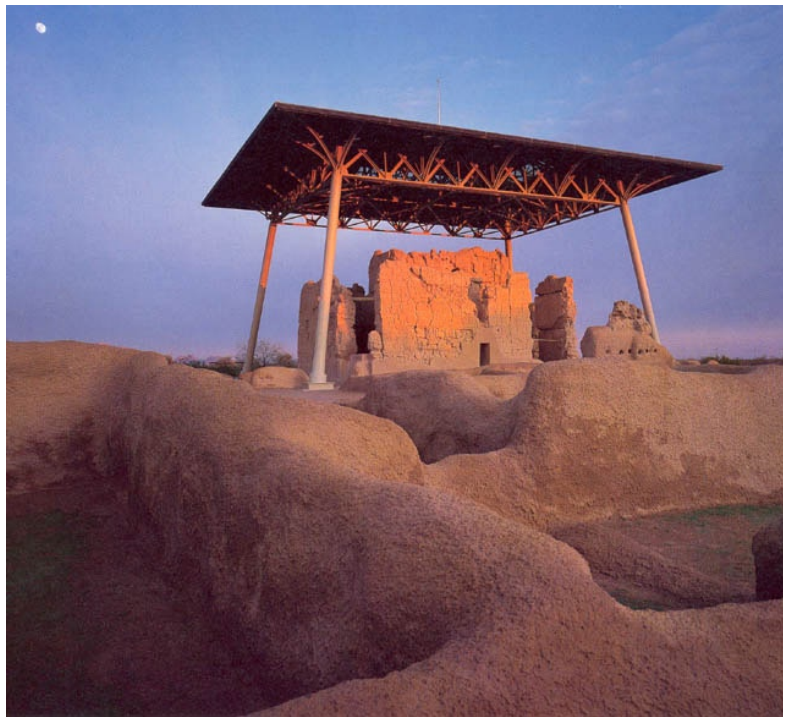
Where: Meet at 9:30am at the bottom of the Tangerine off ramp and I-10.

Who: Everybody is invited but a special invitation has been issued to the Cactus Corvair Club. We hope to see you all there!

NOTE: This is a great exhibit. If you've never seen it you owe it to yourself to come.

This trip promises to be one of the best outings to date. This national monument, located south of Phoenix, contains the ruins of Casa Grande or "Great House," a large and enigmatic prehistoric structure. Casa Grande Ruins, the nation's first archeological preserve, protects the Casa Grande (see photo) and other archeological sites within its boundaries. While there are no prehistoric irrigation systems in the park, the museum presents excellent background information on the Hohokam canals which diverted water from the nearby Gila River. It is also speculated that one of the functions of Casa Grande was to provide an overlook from which the Hohokam could observe the status of their canals.

After a long battle with the desert, the ancient building still commands respect. Four stories high and 60 feet long, it is the largest structure known to exist in Hohokam times. Early Spanish-explorers called it Casa Grande ("Great House"), and to them it was a mystery. Its walls face the four cardinal points of the compass. A circular hole in the upper west wall aligns with the setting sun during the summer solstice. Other openings also align with the sun and moon at specific times. Apparently, the builders of the Great House, people who knew well the ways of the land, gathered inside to ponder the heavens. Knowing the changing positions of celestial objects meant knowing times for planting, harvest, and celebration.



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

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

CORSA membership dues are \$38 per year (\$76 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communique, a monthly publication. CORSA memberships is not required for membership in the Tucson Corvair Association, but is highly recommended. See any TCA officer for more information.

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

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TCA 2009 Events at a Glance

Sun, Apr 19 Cruise to the Casas Grande Ruins near Coolidge, Arizona for a picnic lunch. Meet at I-10 and Tangarine Road at 9:30 AM. Club will provide drinks and meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Wed, Apr 22 Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Last Chance Garage, 3605 N Vine (east of the corner of Prince and Mountain).

Apr 24-25 Beeline Cruise-In and Car Show. Payson, Arizona. Get details at the April Meeting. Visit <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/rccac/> for more details.

Wed, May 6 Meeting of the Board of Directors. 7:00pm at Bill Maynard's Last Chance Garage. Evryone welcome!

Sat, May 23 Breakfast Cruise to Ryan Field. Meet at the parking lot at the Del Rio Golf Course on Speedway just west of Grande at 8:00am.

Wed, May 27 Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Last Chance Garage, 3605 N Vine (east of the corner of Prince and Mountain).

March Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Lynn Marrs, Bill L, Bill Maynard, Dave Lynch, Don Robinson, Allen Elvick, Mike Strong, John Frugoli, Van Pershing, Chris Cunningham, Barry Cunningham, Ken Farr and new member Don Murray.

President Lynn Marrs called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Approval of the Minutes for February: Motion to approve the February Minutes was made by Barry Cunningham, seconded by Dave Lynch and unanimously carried.

President's Report: Lynn announced there were 9 Corvairs at the meeting and reported that the Roethlisbergers were leaving for the summer and extended well wishes to Jerry and Midge. After insistence of "being a lady" Lynn introduced new member, Don Murray, owner of a 1963 Monza 900 Sedan with two speed Powerglide transmission named Nora Nanette. Following Don's introduction reminder of the upcoming car show in Payson was made and mention of Vintage Car Care in Cottonwood was recommended for anyone seeking engine rebuilds.

Vice President's Report: A trip with the Cactus Corvair Club of Phoenix to the Lost Dutchman Mine has been planned for March 28th. The April mid-month also includes the Cactus Corvair Club in a trip to the Casa Grande Ruins. February's mid-month activity, a trip to the Renaissance Festival, featured Dave Lynch consuming many turkey legs.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Cunningham reported a beginning balance of \$2,495.08 and an ending balance of \$2,579.16.

Raffle: No members furnished raffle prizes for this month's meeting. Allen Elvick and Dave Lynch volunteered to bring a raffle prize to the April meeting.

Tech Talk: There was some discussion of the Pittman arm bushings.

Miscellany: Barry Cunningham has lost the points scoring sheet that was tracking the most spirited TCA member. The regrettable decision to retire the points system was made to much consternation. Many members reminisced about the antics of Dave Baker during his term as president of the club. The Corvair Underground is offering a 15% discount with an additional 5% off to Corsa members in good standing. The Tucson Classics car show which was attended by a number of TCA members with their Corvairs was the subject of the Rodding and Racing weekly television program and Barry Cunningham's Corvair was prominently featured. The episode can be viewed on the internets at: www.rodinandracintv.com.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill L at 8:00, seconded by Bill Maynard and was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Green

Recording Secretary

Corvair Power for Your German Car

Taken from Rear-Engine Specialist webpage

Golden, Colorado

I have been an advocate of Corvair power for many years, especially when slipped into small and lightweight German cars like Karmann Ghia and Porsche. Through the years I have been fortunate to have installed Corvair engines into 356 Porsche, 911-912-914, Ghia and type 3 and many dune buggies. Today the Corvair has slipped in popularity but still makes lots of sense due to air cooling and flat design.

I bought a 1966 Porsche 912 with no engine (or very little else for that matter) in 1988. I installed a reverse turning 180hp turbo Corvair using a Crown adapter to the 901 5 speed. Since then the car has had a progression of induction systems. I found the turbo system unhappy with the short gears of the 5 speed; I then built a blow through system and gave up on it for the same reason. Presently the engine is sitting under a Rochester 4bbl and runs pretty well. I fabricated the sheet metal pieces from the engine to the body seal and the engine appears to belong in the car. I have patterns for the 911-912 and the 356. The 914 patterns were lost when I moved the shop to Golden.

Steve Goodman



The 2009 Raffle Car

The Florida Chapters of C.O.R.S.A. are pleased to announce there will be a car raffle at the National Convention this year in Jacksonville, Florida. This year's raffle car is a 1964 Monza coupe with under 20,000 original miles. It is a 110hp/4-speed and is a documented National AACA Seniors car.

Ticket prices are \$5 each. \$20 will get you 1 extra ticket, \$50 will get you 3 extra tickets, and \$100 will get you 7 extra tickets. The Tucson Corvair Association has several tickets available for purchase. See Barry Cunningham at the April meeting. To purchase additional tickets, please send a check for the amount of tickets you want made payable and mailed to: Central Florida Corvairs, 12 Pine Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.



Beauty and the Beasts



On March 15, Patrick Croan was winery hopping with a friend from Williams when he pulled into the parking lot of the Thornton Winery in the heart of Temecula Valley wine country. The lower parking lot was full of Ferraris - all colors from blue to silver, but lots of red. They parked in the upper parking lot and walked down to get a closer look. There were lots of spectators. There was a long row of red ones and suddenly one of them pulled out. It hit Patrick that a red Spyder parked in that spot would make a great picture! Being a good Corvair guy, he couldn't help but crash their party. He ran back up the hill and pulled the Spyder around. Some walked by and couldn't be bothered but most thought it was a really cool car. The Ferrari guys started taking pictures and Patrick started taking pictures. Patrick says, "I think if it had been anything but a Corvair we would've been snubbed."



Do Not Disturb: Master at work....



Patrick Lynch standing guard at the club prepares to depart for the Festival



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Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the Fourth Wednesday of every month with a bull session starting at 6:30pm and the meeting starting at 7:00pm.

The November meeting is held on the third Wednesday. The December meeting is our annual Christmas party with the time and place to be announced.

Monthly Meeting Place:

Bill Maynard's Last Chance Garage, 3605 N Vine, Tucson, Arizona (north off of Prince Road just east of Mountain).

Visit the TCA Forum

Ask tech questions, get to know other club members, chat and share your knowledge with others. Go to www.corvairs.org and click on TCA Forum.



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