

The TCA 50th Anniversary Corvair Display

On October 2, 2009 the Tucson Corvair Association displayed no less than 18 Corvairs on the front row parking lot at O’Rielly Chevrolet on East Broadway to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Corvair. Dave Lynch coordinated the event by making arrangements with O’Rielly management who were happy to oblige. The cars were gathered and thousands of people were able to enjoy the view as they approached the intersection of Broadway and Wilmot. Those who brought cars to display were Jim Mills with a Rampside, Ron Bloom in his Greenbrier, The Young’s brought both their late model Monza and their early coupe, Dave Lynch with his late model blue coupe, Van Pershing with his Stinger, Ron Kosidowski brought his late model convertible, Patrick McKenna was there with his ‘63 coupe keeping up the family tradition, Bill Maynard had his convertible there along with the Lakewood, Sharon Eiermann was nice and let Bill Leslie bring her early coupe which has an excellent example of the desert air cleaner system, Allen Elvick brought the star of the show, his 1960 4-door, Ken and Hiede Farr were there with the yellow convertible, Ryan Green’s early convertible, Chris Cunningham’s early convertible, the Murray’s brought 2 early model cars, one a coupe and the other a 4-door, and finally Dave Caranza’s red early coupe.

The gathering lasted all day and attracted lots of attention from everybody but the news media. This was phenomenal showing of Corvairs for a Friday event. There haven’t been that many Corvairs in one place in Tucson at the same time for literally years!



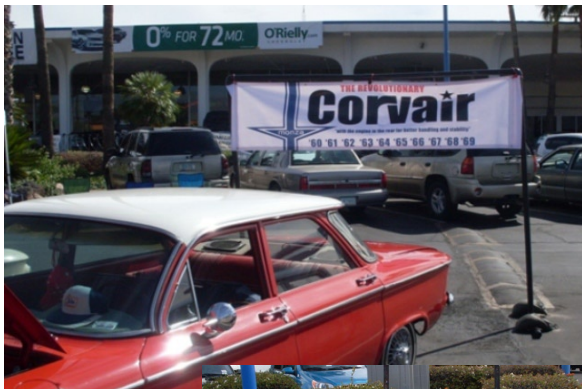
Jim Mills



Ron Bloom



John Young



Dave Lynch

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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

- Wed, Oct 28** Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 1st Ave and Wetmore.
- Sun, Nov 8** Bondfire and Cook Out. Lynn Marrs' place, 14020 N Gecko Canyon Tr. 3:00pm. Meet at the Metro Grill on Oracle and Magee at 2:30 to caravan to Lynn's. Bring a dish to share. Meat will be provided.
- Wed, Nov 4** Meeting of the Board of Directors. 7:00pm at Bill Maynard's Last Chance Garage. Everyone welcome!
- Wed, Nov 18** Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 1st Ave and Wetmore.
- Fri, Dec 11** Annual TCA Christmas Party; Cody's Beef 'n Beans, 2708 E Ft Lowell, 6:30pm. Bring some cans for the food bank and a gift to exchange.
- Sat, Jan 26** Tubac Car Show. We'll meet and caravan to the show together. More details later.
- February** Renaissance Festival, Florence Junction, Arizona. More details to come.

September Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the TRA Regular Meeting held September 23, 2009 at 715 E Wetmore, Tucson, Arizona.

Members Present: Dave Lynch; John Frugoli; Bill Maynard; Bill L, Allen Elvick; Van Pershing; Mike Strong; Ryan Green; Wyatt Green; Christy Stoughton; Ed Segerstrom; Ron Bloom; Barry Cunningham; Ron Kosidowski; Ken Farr; Heidi Farr; John Young; Amy Young; Barry Cunningham; Don Murray; Shannon Murray; and Logan Murray.

President Lynn Marrs called the meeting to order at 7:27.

Approval of the Minutes for August: Motion to approve the August minutes was made by Heidi Farr, seconded by Ken Farr and unanimously approved.

President's Report: Lynn Marrs welcomed the member of the TCA to its first meeting at the Golden Corral on First Avenue. The Corvette Museum under construction will have an exhibit dedicated to the Corvair. October is scheduled to be a busy month. October 2nd is the 50th Anniversary Event at O'Reilly Chevrolet. The 17th is the car show at St. Gregory's, which had previously conflicted with the BBQ at Lynn's house. The BBQ has been postponed indefinitely.

Vice President's Report: The tune-up clinic in September was a complete success and fun was reported to have been had by all. The Sloppy-Joes were delicious. Barry replaced his head gaskets by moonlight and a pointless ignition system was installed in Allen's car after the first attempt failed at last summer's tune-up clinic. The Run to the Pines event will be taking place in Pinetop Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 25th to the 27th.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Barry Cunningham reported a beginning balance of \$2,447.86 and an ending balance of \$2,468.87. Expenditures included the \$59 for the banner commemorating the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Corvair to be displayed at O'Reilly Chevrolet on October 2 and at future events. Revenues were generated from dues and raffle tickets.

Raffle: Raffle winners included Heidi Farr and Allen Elvick. A call for volunteers yielded no commitments. As is true every month, raffle prize donations are not limited to these volunteers; all members are encouraged to bring a raffle gift to the March meeting.

Tech Talk: John Frugoli conceded Bill Maynard's superiority in expertise in Corvair distributors. Allen extended thanks to Bill Maynard and John Frugoli for their assistance in installation of the electronic ignition system in his car. Bill was generous enough to make a house call, the result of which was Allen's 1960 Corvair is running for the first time in forever.

Miscellany: All are reminded that we are to be meeting at O'Reilly Chevrolet on Broadway at 10am on October 2nd. Bill Maynard will arrive early to display the banner and set up a table with Corsa Communiques and Corvairsations. Van announced the mytery photo in the August Corvairsation was of a young Gordon Cauble. It was determined that Golden Corral was suitable as a meeting place and monthly meetings will be held there until further notice.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Maynard at 8:12, seconded by Bill L and was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Green
Recording Secretary

Donna Mae Mims Dies

Donna Mae Mims, 82, of Bridgeville, died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009. Born July 1, 1927, to George Warnoch and Margaret Bodner. She was known by many as the "Pink Lady," "Think Pink," "Donna Amazing" and even "Free Maui". Donna started racing in 1958 and was the first woman driver ever to win a Sports Car Club of America National Championship H Production 1963. Her career and involvement in Yenko led her to racing such cars as the Camaro, Austin Healy, MG, Corvette and Corvairs. She worked for Yenko Chevrolet and Yenko sports car division as executive secretary for both and was the liaison for design and production with the Yenko sports car division with such cars as the Deuce, Camaro, Nova, Cheville and Corvair. She worked closely with Zora Arkus Dontuv, Ed Cole and the pioneers of Chevrolet Racing. She coordinated parts delivery and car development of Corvette Race Cars in Canonsburg. She raced many times in Sebring, Daytona and Riverside. Donna Mae was as original participant in the original Cannonball Run where her 1968 Cadillac Limo was wrecked with her teammate behind the wheel. She was known as being able to go toe to toe with some of the best drivers in the country at speeds up to 140 miles per hour. She was an avid longtime member of the SCCA and her other interests included Jazz music and teaching Sunday school as an active member in Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church.



Donna Mae Mims was the spokesperson for Don Yenko's racing division and during the Yenko Stinger days.



Van Pershing



Ron Kosidowski



Amy Young



Patrick McKenna



Bill Maynard



Sharon Eiermann



Allen Elvick



Ken & Hiede Farr



Chris Cunningham



Ryan Green



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

Golden Corral, 1st Avenue and Wetmore, Tucson, Arizona.



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