

# CORVAIRS AT THE RUINS

March 20, 2010, Coolidge, Arizona. The Cactus Corvair Club sponsored this year's outing to the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. Four cars from the Tucson Corvair Association were in attendance along with 8 cars from the Phoenix club. The Turbo grill was fired up and even though Dave Lynch was not there to make the grill perform as in the past, we still enjoyed the food and the company.

In attendance were John and Amy Young with their '65 Monza 140, President Ken Farr with his '64 convertible, Van Pershing with his '66 Stinger and Barry Cunningham in his yellow '65 coupe. Vice President Lynn Marrs and a friend led the caravan to the park.

All 12 Corvairs were parked together in the parking lot of the visitors center attracting lots of attention from many of the passers-by. A couple of 1926 Model T Fords even showed up to see the Corvairs. A people's choice vote was taken for the best car and a beautiful bright red '63 Monza coupe won the grand prize. John and Amy Young's '65 and Van Pershing's Stinger tied for second place and won ice cream gift cards.



## Tucson Corvair Association



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The 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) as Chapter 357.

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# TCA 2010 Events at a Glance

**Sat, April 24** **Chevy Showdown 2010** at Reid Park. 9:00am to 4:00pm. Go to [corvairs.org](http://corvairs.org) Events and Activities for complete details.

**Sat, April 24** **Post Showdown Party** at Jim and Terry Mill's, 2781 N Sundance Trail. 4:00pm until bedtime. Contact Lynn Marrs and let her know if you're coming and what side dish you can bring. Steak, chicken and brauts will be provided.

**Wed, Apr 28** **Regular Monthly Meeting.** Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd (just east of Columbus)

**Thu, May 6** **Board Meeting.** 7:00pm at Bill Maynard's, 3605 N Vine. Everybody welcome.

**Sat, May 15** **Run to Tombstone.** Meet at Omar's at the TTT Truck Stop on I-10 east of town at 10:00am for a fun day in the town too tough to die.

**Wed, May 26** **Regular Monthly Meeting.** Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd (just east of Columbus)

## BOARD MEETING NOTES:

On April 1 a board meeting was held at the Last Chance Garage with Lynn Marrs, Ron & Lynn Bloom, Barry Cunningham, Bill Maynard and Van Pershing in attendance. A rough outline of activities for the year was established. May 15: a day trip to Tombstone. June 19: a picnic at Aqua Caliente Park. July: Mount Lemmon or bust. August: we'll take a breather. September: a tour of Kitt Peak. October 16: Tucson Classics Car Show. November: A car rally of some sort. December 10: annual Christmas party.

# March Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the TCA regular monthly meeting held March 24, 2010 at 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson Arizona.

**Members Present:** Allen Elvick; Chris Cunningham; Ron Bloom; Lynn Marrs; Bill Maynard; John & Amy Young; Ken Farr; Mike Strong; Barry Cunningham; Jim & Terry Mills and Ryan Green.

President Ken Farr called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

**Approval of the Minutes for February:** Motion to approve the February minutes was made by Chris Cunningham, seconded by Bill Maynard and unanimously approved.

**President's Report:** Ken extended a thank you to all those in attendance for the club's March mid-month activity: a caravan to the Casa Grande Ruins in Florence for a BBQ with the Cactus Corvair Club of Phoenix. John & Amy Young and Van Pershing's took 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, at an impromptu award ceremony voted on by the members of both clubs. A story on the 50th anniversary of the Corvair featuring interviews with and photographs of TCA members that was authored by Bonnie Henry will be published in the April 12th edition of the Arizona Daily Star. Ron Bloom, with the assistance of Van Pershing, has successfully petitioned the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson to add a Corvair category to their events effective next year. The next event hosted by the Classic Chevy Car Club of Tucson will be held at Reid Park on April 24th and all TCA members are encouraged to attend. In addition to the show at Reid Park, April will also bring the Sierra Vista Car Club's spring edition of the semi-annual Car's In The Park event on the 17th. This show limited to 375 vehicles and is now closed to new registrations. Ken then passed out some flyers polling members with regards to types of events they would like to see TCA participate in over the coming months.

**Vice President's Report:** Lynn announced the trip to the Casa Grande Ruins were a success and that the food and company was excellent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Barry Cunningham reported an opening balance of \$2,590.34 and ending balance for the month of February of \$2,725.34. Primary income was generated through payment of membership dues. Miraculously, no expenses were incurred in the month of February. Barry then produced a membership roster that appeared to be handwritten on a single Post-It note that was formally turned over to Allen Elvick, marking the beginning of Allen's tenure as membership chairman.

**Raffle:** No prizes; no raffle.

**Tech Talk:** Bill Maynard reported on John Young's discovery of a loose converter and the difficulty accessing the bolts via a plate on top of the bell housing. Allen raised a question regarding the blower fan in his 1960 coupe. Barry confirmed the blower fan is unique to the 1960 model year. John Young

brought tools and a book relating to wheel alignment.

**Miscellany:** Ron Bloom announced that Charlie Evans had come to the meeting but left prior to it's commencement as he was experiencing some mechanical difficulties with his car. Charlie is reported to own a 1967 Corvair that has been modified with a V8 engine he hopes to drive to the monthly membership meeting in April.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Farr and seconded by Bill Maynard. Motion to adjourn was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Green  
Recording Secretary

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## ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Two sets of headers for small exhaust port heads (110hp and lower). \$50 for set with mufflers (for sand buggy) and \$30 for set without. Call Ron Bloom at 520-891-7542



FOR SALE: Modified 140 motor. Has been run for some time. Ran great when my dad had it. Ran at the dunes and at the old buggy track. Asking \$500 OBO. Joe Rohr, 520-406-3250



# PHOTO SHOOT

By the time you read this the Bonnie Henry article celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Corvair will have appeared in the Arizona Daily Star. On the morning of March 11, the Star photographer took a ton of pictures but only one or two will have been published in the paper.

It took the better part of an hour for the photographer to get the cars arranged the way he wanted. Six cars formed a semi-circle with one car in front of it and three more cars behind. Several shots were taken of just the cars and then he had all the people arranged amongst the cars for more photos. Some shots were taken at ground level and many were taken from the top of the photographer's SUV.

There were 10 cars present for the shoot belonging to John and Amy Young, Barry Cunningham, Allen Elvick, Patrick McKenna, Bill Maynard, Van Pershing, Ken Farr, Ryan Green, Dave Lynch and Ron Bloom.





Fort Lowell Park provided an nice backdrop for the photos. Other members in attendance were Ed Segerstrom, Lynn Mars and mark McKenna. For a Thursday morning and short notice, TCA made a great showing.

We thought you might enjoy some of the pictures of the site that we took, although no quite so professional.

*Ed.*



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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.

## **NEW MEETING PLACE:**

Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd St (just east of Columbus), Tucson, Arizona.



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