

Trailers anyone?

The Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet always supplies a good assortment of eye candy. It usually comes in the form of turbocharged convertibles or decked out vans, but it can also come as something completely out of the ordinary. Here are a couple of trailers made to be towed behind a Corvair. All you need is an old parts car and a welder to become the proud owner of one of these beauties.



This late model trailer has been around for several years now. We need to get with the owner and help him finish it up!

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TCA 2010/11 Events at a Glance

Fri, Dec 17

Christmas Party. 6:30pm. Cody's Beef and Beans 2708 E Ft Lowell. Bring a gift to swap and some canned food for the food bank.

Wed, Jan 26

Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 6865 N Thornydale Road (just south of Ina).

ELECTION TIME COMING SOON

Election new officers for the Tucson Corvair Association will take place at the February 2011 meeting. Unlike what we've just experienced in our nation, there will be no campaign ads or town hall meetings. The club needs your help to keep us going for another year. Don't be a stick in the mud. Volunteer to help out. Contact any of the board members and ask not what the club can do for you, but what you can do for the club!



TCA Christmas Party

On Friday, December 17 the annual TCA Christmas Party will be held at Cody's Beef and Beans, 2708 E Ft Lowell in Tucson and will start at 6:30 PM. Please bring some non-parishable food items for the food bank and a small gift to share.

This promises to be a great evening to share friendship, good food and the holiday spirit.
SEE YOU THERE!!!

November Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the TCA regular monthly meeting held November 17, 2010 at 6865 N Thornydale Road, Tucson Arizona.

None Available

THE GOLD WRAPPING PAPER

An Inspiring Christmas Story

Once upon a time, a man punished his five-year-old daughter for using up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper before Christmas.

Money was tight, so he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve, he saw that the child had used the expensive gold paper to decorate a large shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!"

As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her.

But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package!"

The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us as human beings have been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God

1966 Chevrolet Corvair Yenko Stinger: Ralph Nader's Nightmare

By LARRY SANATA , Autoweek, 11/22/2010

While Ralph Nader would have you think that the Chevrolet Corvair was unsafe at any speed, Don Yenko would have let you experience another side of the Corvair--one that is incredible at all speeds.

With his magic touch, Yenko was able to convert even the most sublime Corvair into a Stinger, his ballyhooed name for those Corvairs that were force-fed gobs of testosterone in his Canonsburg, Pa., shop, alongside pavement-pounding Chevrolet Camaros, Chevilles, Corvettes and Novas.

Mark Gillespie was among those who were captivated by the idea of owning a fire-breathing Stinger.

"I bought this car from Yenko Chevrolet in Canonsburg in 1966 as a dual-purpose vehicle. I couldn't afford a dedicated race car. But at that time, you could buy performance parts directly from Yenko to gradually modify your street car into a race car," he explains.

He purchased his Stinger, YS037, with Goodyear Blue Streaks mounted on wide steel wheels and an exhaust header, some of the less wild modifications available from Yenko.

The idea, Gillespie says, was to race as much as possible on weekends, hoping you wouldn't crash the car or trash the engine so that you could drive to work on Monday.

Five years and 102,000 miles later, his trusted Stinger did blow its engine and sat in a garage for the next 20 years. In the mid-1990s, with historic racing all the craze, Gillespie resurrected his beloved Stinger.

Taking vintage-racing regulations more seriously than some, he had the car's engine, chassis and ancillary parts restored to 1966 SCCA racing regulation--not something always found at historic venues across the country. More contemporary safety features also were added.

And the result is inspiring. "It's like driving a giant go-kart," he says, adding that the car weighs about 2,000 pounds and makes about 220 hp.

What really distinguished the Stinger from other cars was its quick steering and heavy-duty suspension, Gillespie says. On the other hand, there also were four different stages of tune for the engine. He figures his Stinger comes closest to Stage 4.

About three years ago, Gillespie invited a friend's son, Logan Dernoshok, to campaign his car--a car older than Dernoshok by more than a few years--with features that the younger driver never knew existed until he began racing the Stinger. One of those is drum brakes.

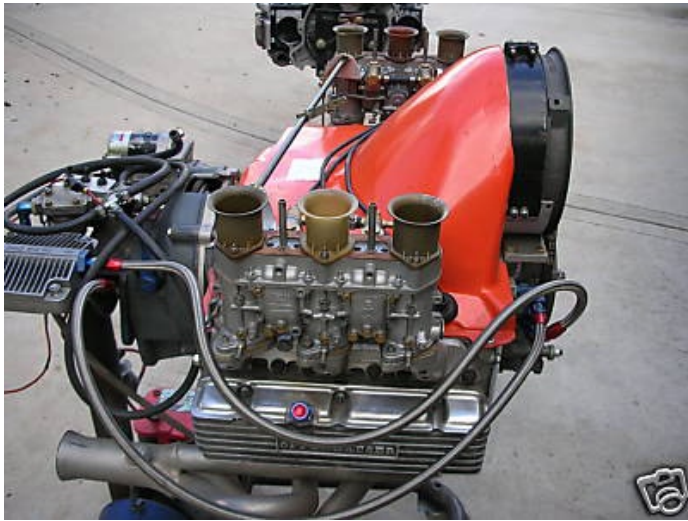
"It's a little disheartening when I go into a corner and hit the brakes, while the guys with front disc brakes just blow by me," Dernoshok says. Still, the Stinger usually finishes among the leaders in most events.

And on a wet track, watch out, he says, "because I get to kick everybody's butt."

Dernoshok, familiar with Nader's rants about the Corvair, likes to joke about the Stinger being "Nader's nightmare."

Porsche Cooling Fans, anyone?

Here are a couple of nice examples of how Porsche cooling systems have been adapted to the Corvair engines. No more twisting the fan belt and worrying about hrowing a belt at high RPMs.



Corvair-powered Street Rod

Here's a little project that was posted on the internet that deserves a little attention. This is a 1948 Volkswagen that has been converted into a Corvair-powered street rod. It just shows that there are more crazy people out there than we care admit.



and..... Corvair-powered Airboats!

Pictures of Corvair-powered airboats are rare. They are mentioned in almost every airboat forum on the internet but finding good examples isn't easy.



Back in the 70's Corvair-powered airboats were common down in the south and other places where there is enough swampwater to run an airboat. Today there is a lot talk on the different airboat-related forums about using the engine but very few have actually built one. The occasionally show up on craigslist but Corvair-powered airboats are mostly gone. Above are a couple of pictures taken in 1977 of a boat built by Dan Fralick. Seeing these old pictures and viewing a couple videos on youtube kind of make one wish we had some swampland a little closer.



A picture taken around 1965 of a Bob Hunt's scratch built airboat

*Circa 1965 Bob Hunt's #3 boat Corvair power
Built from scratch including prop*



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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, 6865 N Thornydale Road (Ina and Thornydale), Tucson, Arizona.



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