

NAM JAM

Tucson March 26, 2011 The annual Nam Jam Car Show, that coincides with the annual Nam Jam Concert took place at the Kino Sports Complex. The Corvair class was represented by Allen Elvick with his '64 convertible, Ken Farr with the Tweetybird '64 convertible and Ron Bloom with his Greenbrier. Jerry Roethlisberger was also in the mix, but was unable to show his Corvair. So, instead he slipped in with his bright-yellow Chevy SSR (Super Sport Roadster) to round out the display.

In the end, Ken and Heidi's car took home the 1st-place trophy with Ron getting second, and Allen finishing a close third.



Allen's '64 convertible with Jerry SSR in the background (above), and Ron's Greenbrier (right).



A rear view of Allen's '64 (above)



Ken and Heidi's '64 convertible (left). Ron Bloom, Ken and Heidi Farr relaxing in the shade (right)



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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.

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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.

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TCA 2011 Events at a Glance

Sat, Apr 16

Chevy Showdown will be held in the parking lot north of Hi Corbett Field, Tucson, Arizona. 9 am - 4 pm.

AFTER-SHOW PARTY: 4:30 PM, Mills' house, 2881 Sundance Trail. Steak dinner and lots of fun.

Wed, Apr 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).

Sat, May 21

Dave Lynch BBQ, 3:00PM at the Elvick's, 4210 S. Preston. Come and enjoy some of Dave's good cookin'.

Sat, Jun 11

Mt Lemmon Picnic, Meet at the McDonald's on Catalina Highway at 10:00 AM. It gonna be nice and cool!

Sat, Jul 16

Cruise to Ryan Field for Breakfast.

Sat, Aug ??

Little Anthony's Car Show, 7:00 to 10:00 PM either August 6 or August 20. Stay tuned for more information.

Sat, Sep 17

Tune Up Clinic in the Hills, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Hosted by Jim Mills, 2781 N Sundance Trail.

Sat, Oct 22

Tucson Classics Car Show, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. St Gregory High School, 3231 N Craycroft.

Thu, Dec 9

TCA Christmas Party, 7:00pm. A new place and a new format. It's going to be the best party ever! Stay tuned for details.

From the Assistant Editor's Desk (continued)

application for membership. Put an application in their hand.

5. Invite interested friends when we go on a tour, or meet for an activity. Take them for a ride.

6. Encourage youngsters to be involved with old cars, especially Corvairs. Get them started early so that they can look forward to a long-term association with Corvairs.

Chris Cunningham

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First let me thank each and everyone of you for your confidence in electing me for the office of president. I am here to serve you!!

This year our vice president, Jim Mills, has many new exciting places and activities planned for the year. Looks like for the most part we will not be going and doing the same things. We will be having tune-up clinics, and will tour to new places. Check the *Corvairsation* for the new list of activities. Please make plans to be part of it.

Last year Ken Farr arranged for our own Corvair class at the Nam Jam car show. Now we need you to be there with your Corvair even if it's under construction. Who knows, you may even take home a trophy; besides, it's fun to watch Heidi sleep :)

It was good to see some old friends at our last meeting, Don and Shannon Murray, Charlie and Sandy Evans (the V-8 Corvair water-pumper people), and my new friend Traci Miller. It was also good to see John Seaman, president of Cactus Corvair Club and Bruce Levitch, CORSA Director, who spoke to us about CORSA. I belong to CORSA and for those of you that don't, I would encourage you to join and support CORSA, because if we don't it will not be around. Besides, their newsletter, the *Comminque*, has valuable tech articles and other goodies to read.

Please give me a call or any TCA officer and let's chat. We need to hear from you and get to know you, and the things you want to do. We need your ideas.

Mark your calender for April 16th and get your Corvair ready to go, we need your support as well as supporting the Classic Chevy Club for the Chevy Showdown. A big thank you to Jim and Terry Mills for opening up there home after the show for a great BBQ . It's important enjoy each others fellowship. If you have not been there, you are in for a treat.

Thanks again for your support. God bless you and see ya at the meeting!!!

Ron

March Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held March 23, 2011 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Bloom at 7:05 PM.

In attendance at the meeting were Bob Moulton, Ron Bloom, Jim and Terry Mills, Ken and Heidi Farr, Charlie and Sandy Evans, Van Pershing, Lynn Marrs, John and Amy Young, Mike Strong, Ed Segerstrom, Jerry Roethlisberger, Traci Miller, and Don and Shannon Murray. In addition Bruce Levitch, a CORSA Western Division Director and member of the Cactus Corvair Club and John Seaman, President of the Cactus Corvair Club were in attendance.

New club T-shirts were discussed. A sample of the latest Scott Howey design was shown. Van has an appointment next week with the artist who does the Chevy Showdown shirts to get an estimate on costs. It is hoped that enough information will be gathered to make a decision at the next board meeting. It was suggested that we purchase T-shirts with a front pocket.

Vice President Jim Mills reviewed some of the upcoming activities. The Chevy Show Showdown is set for Saturday, April 16 with an after-show barbecue at the Mills' home immediately afterwards starting at 4:30 or 5:00 PM.

John Seaman of the Cactus Club said that they were interested in doing more activities in conjunction with TCA. Several are coming down in April for the Chevy Showdown show.

Bruce Levitch, Western CORSA Director was given the floor. He has been a member of CORSA since 2000 and was recently elected to the board of directors. He is very interested in doing whatever it takes to increase interest in CORSA membership. He said that there are several reasons that people don't renew their membership. The economy and older folks are either giving up their Corvairs or dying are major hitters. He has no particular axe to grind but is ready, willing, and able to listen to suggestions for making CORSA better. He mentioned that if anyone has tech tips or articles that would be appropriate for publication in the *CORSA Communique* to channel them through him so he can see that they rare given proper attention. He also mentioned that the *Communique* has been reduced in size as a cost saving measure and that the Board is considering a new management company to help reduce costs.

Traci Miller added a little tech report on her newly acquired Rampsides. She is now the proud owner of two Rampsides and hopes to have two working trucks some day. Ron Bloom happened to be at her place working on the heating and cooling system of her house and wound up doing some work on her Rampside project as well.

John Young has never really been happy with the way his '66 140 has performed. It ran okay but just didn't have the power he thought it should. Recently, he diagnosed some fuel pump problems and decided to switch to an electric pump. Fuel pumps have always been one of the main sore spots with Corvair owners. Along with a new pump he also added a Pertronix II ignition system. He said the car has come to life at last.

The raffle garnered \$28 for the club treasury. Bruce Levitch winning two prizes. Lynn Marrs and Heidi Farr grabbed the remaining two.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Heidi Farr, Recording Secretary

From the Assistant Editor's Desk—

Now that we have a full schedule of events and activities plugged into the Club's calendar, this is the best time to promote the hobby and boost the Club's membership. I'm sure you'll agree that it is to our advantage to increase total membership. In addition to adding to our treasury, more members are needed to keep the association alive and running up to speed. Our passion and hobby requires active participation in keeping more Corvairs on the road, in shows, and present at our monthly activities. It's easy to join our Club; you don't have to own a Corvair to be a member.

You will notice that there is a membership application printed in this issue. Make copies of it, and keep some on hand. If you don't have one on hand, any Director can email one or pop one into the mail to the prospective member.

Listed below are several different ways to spread the word about the Tucson Corvair Association and increase membership:

1. Keep a few membership applications in your glove box for handing out to anyone you encounter who may be interested in old cars.
2. If you see or hear about a Corvair for sale, give the seller one of our applications for membership to pass on to the new owner.
3. Let people know that ownership of a Corvair is not a requirement for membership in the Club.
4. If you sell a Corvair, be sure to give the new owner an

'68 convertible restoration project well under way.

Former and soon-to-be-again TCA member, Joe Hiller, is in the process of restoring a '67 convertible. The car was in pretty rough shape, but with the hard work of Hi Speed Rods and Customs of Tucson, the project is progressing nicely.

Joe was looking for a rear bottom seat frame for the car because rust had taken over the original. Convertible rear seat bottoms are hard to find, but are very similar to coupe seat frames. So, Joe took a coupe seat and had it modified to fit the convertible. Only the most trained eye can tell the difference between the modified seat and an original.



Original rust seat frame on the left and modified seat frame on the right.

Joe's project will be done one of these days and we hope to see him and his car at a meeting and maybe an event or two. The following link will take you to more pictures of his project: <http://www.hispeedcustoms.com>. Click on "Projects" and find the '68 Corvair and click on the picture.



On the rotisserie



Doors almost ready for paint



New sheet metal parts welded in place



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C.O.R.S.A Chapter 857

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name _____ Spouse (other Member) _____

Address _____ City _____

State & Zip _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Type of Membership (Please check ONLY ONE) Dues are for the calendar year – Jan 1 thru Dec 31

_____ \$19 **REGULAR** (yourself only) - \$15 dues plus \$4 one-time TCA name tag fee

_____ \$22 **FAMILY** - \$18 dues plus \$4 one-time name tag fee for one tag – additional tags \$4 each

I own the following Corvair (not a requirement for membership)

Year	Model	Use (show, driver, restoration, etc.)	Condition

I wish to receive the Corvairsation electronically (by email) **YES NO**

I am a member of C.O.R.S.A: **YES NO**

I agree with the purpose of the Tucson Corvair Association (TCA), and hereby apply for membership. Attached to this application are my dues for one full year. I understand that in accordance with the Bylaws, my TCA dues include voting privileges for myself and another and monthly *Corvairsation* publication. I also understand that TCA encourages its members to affiliate with the CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA (C.O.R.S.A.), and that, should I choose to join, I must apply to CORSA individually and separately from TCA membership.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please submit this completed application and check made payable to
TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

Allen Elvick
4210 S Preston
Tucson, AZ 85735

Sponsor (TCA Member): _____

<p><u>PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX</u></p> <p>AMOUNT _____</p> <p>CHECK # _____</p> <p>DATE _____</p>
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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.

MEETING PLACE:

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



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