

## TCA rocks the Chevy Showdown

On April 16, 2010, the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson sponsored the 26th Annual Chevy Showdown Car Show. This year's event was held in the north parking lot of Hi Corbett Field at Reid Park in Tucson. Corvairs represented 12 of the 143 cars registered. This was the first year the Corvair was granted its own class at the show and it was easily the largest single class at this year's event.

Several members of the Cactus Corvair Club made the journey down from the Phoenix area to join in the festivities. Bruce Levitch, CORSA Western Director, displayed his '66 Monza coupe, Miner Fleming and Cosme Taasan brought their '63 Monza coupe and Alan Kolaniak came with his '65 Monza convertible. CCC President, John Seaman, accompanied the Phoenix caravan.

Corvairs that were displayed from the TCA included Allen Elvick's '64 Monza convertible, Ken and Heidi Farr's '64 Monza convertible, Ron Bloom's Greenbrier, Jim Mill's Rampside, Ed Segerstrom's '64 Monza convertible, Van Pershing's '66 Yenko Stinger clone, Charlie and Sandy Evan's '65 V-8 powered Monza, John Young's '65 Monza, and Amy Young's '61 coupe.

In the Corvair class, first place went to John Young's beautiful 140-powered Monza. Second place was taken home by Amy Young's white '61 coupe. The third place award went home with Miner Fleming and Cosme Taasan for their bright red '63 Monza coupe. Jim Mills' Rampside and Ron Bloom's Greenbrier each received a Certificate of Merit. According the judges, winners were very difficult to choose since the cars were all so great.

After the show, many of the Corvair participants made their way to Jim and Terry Mills' home in the Tucson Mountains for an enjoyable barbecue dinner.



1st Place: John Young's  
'65 Monza



2nd Place: Amy Young's  
'61 Coupe



Miner Fleming and Cosme Taasan's '63 Monza



## Tucson Corvair Association



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# TCA 2011 Events at a Glance

- Sat, May 14** **Brake Clinic.** 9:00 AM to Noon. Jim Mills home, 2881 N Sundance Trail.
- Sat, May 21** **Dave Lynch BBQ.** 4:00 PM, Elvick's home, 4210 S. Preston. Bring a dish to share. Club will provide the meat.
- Wed, May 25** **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, Jun 11** **Mt Lemmon Picnic.** Meet at the McDonald's on Catalina Highway at 10:00 AM. It's gonna be nice and cool!
- Sat, Jul 16** **Cruise to Ryan Field for Breakfast.** An early morning ride to Todd's for breakfast is a great way to spend a Saturday.
- Jul 26-29** **CORSA National Convention.** Denver, Colorado.
- 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.
- Oct 21-23** **Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet.** Palm Springs, California.
- Thu, Dec 8** **TCA Christmas Party.** This year's party will be held at the Taste of Texas Steakhouse, 8310 N Thornydale (at Cortaro). 7:00 PM. See the website for more details.

There are lots of great activities planned for 2011. Please join us with or without your Corvair - it will be great fun. November is open at the moment, so if you've any suggestions, give them to any board member.

## April Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held April 27, 2011 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

The meeting was called order by President Ron Bloom at 7:19 PM. In attendance were Jim and Terry Mills, Lynn Marrs, Allen Elvick, Van Pershing, Ron Bloom, Don and Shannon Murray, Barry Cunningham, and Ted and Sheryl Osborne from the Inland Empire Corvair Club in southern California.

Van gave a brief report on the club T-shirt project. A final decision will be made at the next board meeting for choosing a designer.

A nice note was received from Bruce Levitch of the Cactus Corvair Club and Western Division CORSA Director thanking TCA for inviting them to the Chevy Showdown and the after-show barbecue.

Jim Mills passed around a sign up sheet for a brake clinic which will be held on May 14, 2011 at his home. He plans on giving a course on Corvair brake systems from top to bottom. Anything you ever wanted to know about the braking system on your car will be covered. An email will be sent out to the entire club membership with all the details.

The 1st Annual Dave Lynch Barbecue will be help on May 21 at the Elvick's home. It will start at about 4:30 PM. It is possible that we will meeting at a common location and be escorted to the Elvick's so no one will get lost. Details will be discussed at the board meeting and published in the *Corvairsation*.

A special thanks was given by Lynn Marrs on behalf of the entire club to Jim and Terry Mills for hosting the after-show barbecue on April 16.

Personalized club business cards are now available. Order forms were passed out to all members in attendance.

The raffle was held with Sheryl Osborne winning the only prize. A total of \$8 was collected. Next month Allen Elvick, Shannon Murray, and Ron Bloom volunteered to bring prizes.

Treasurer Barry Cunningham reported that we started the month with \$3,127.32 in the treasury and ended the month with \$3,007.80.

Ted Osborne gave a nice rundown on some of the details of what it took to convert his '64 2-door sedan into a hardtop with late model running gear. He removed the window posts and modified the window glass to make the car into a hardtop. He also adapted a complete rear suspension from a late model to replace the swing axles. Many other modifications were made and continues to be a work in progress. The car was the cover story feature article in a recent *CORSA Communique*.

Van Pershing gave a brief explanation of the source he used for power in wiring the new electric fuel pump he installed in his car.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

*Submitted by Van Pershing*

## President's Message

Well, here we are, going into a little warmer weather. We need to make sure that our Corvairs are tuned-up and running well. One thing to check for sure is the belt. If it is slick, cracked, or getting a little old, now is the time to change it. Better now than doing it along side the road when it is a 100 plus degrees.

The Chevy Showdown was a great success. John and Amy took home first and second place in the Corvair class and Miner Fleming and Cosme Taasan from the Cactus Corvair Club took home the third place trophy. Jim Mills' Rampside and my Greenbrier took home merit awards for the class. We had a nice group of guests from Cactus Corvair Club. They even brought a delicious cake to share. We all had a good time - at least I know I did.

That Cactus group was quite enjoyable to talk to. We need to make plans to head up to Phoenix for one of their activities.

I spoke with Mr. Wheeler, president of the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson; he gave us big "thank you" for our attendance and our assistance with the show. He estimated that there was a total of 141 cars at the show. He also invited us back next year.

We had a great turn out with 12 Corvair registered: 9 from Tucson and 3 from Phoenix.

Please everyone, come our meeting this month. Jim Mills will have a great show and tell. It is always interesting as to what he comes up with. Speaking of Jim and Terry, they are second to none when it comes to putting a steak on the grill; great hosts. THANK YOU guys for a wonderful time... Ok, rambled on long enough, see ya at the meeting, bring a friend!!!

Your Pres,  
Ron

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## New venue for Christmas party

After several years at the same location, this year's Christmas party will be held at a new venue. Thanks to Vice President Jim Mills; arrangements have been made to dine at the Taste of Texas Steakhouse on Thornydale Road at Cortaro. The menu includes everything from steaks to prime rib to seafood. There are appetizers, desserts and even a kid's menu. Prices range from \$8 to \$18.

As usual, canned goods and nonperishable items will be collected for the Community Food Bank and rather than bringing a gift for exchange, the board is asking that you bring an unwrapped toy under \$10 which will be donated to the Toys for Tots campaign.

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## New club T-shirts approved

The board of directors has approved a new club T-shirt. The design will be awarded to the man who did the design work on the Chevy Showdown shirts. The yet-to-be-approved design will be multi-colored and greatly different than the present shirts. The shirts will not be white this time, but perhaps a light gray or tan, and will have a pocket on the front.

# On display at the 2011 Chevy Showdown



Ron Bloom's Greenbrier



Allen Elvick's '64 convertible



Charlie Evans' V-8 Monza



Ken & Heide Farr's Tweety



Van Pershing's Yenko



Ed Segerstrom's '64 Monza

# More 2011 Chevy Showdown



Adam Koloniak's '65 convertible



Jim Mills' Rampside



Bruce Levitch's '66 Monza



A pre-show view of the layout



People watching? Not so great!



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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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