

Anniversary Celebration in Chandler

The Cactus Corvair Club (Phoenix metro area) sponsored its second annual Corvair Anniversary Corvair show at Thorobred Chevrolet in Chandler, Arizona on October 1, 2011. The Corvair line was introduced to the public on October 2, 1959 making this the 51st anniversary of its introduction.

Many beautiful Corvairs were on display, including a few from Tucson. Jim Mills, Ron and Lynn Bloom, and Ken and Heidi Farr took cars for the event. Our newest members, Don Green and Leah Proud were there along with Mike Strong.

Jim loaded Miner Fleming's red convertible on a trailer and delivered it to the show after having it in his shop for several weeks bringing it back to life.

It was a great day and the Cactus Club did a fine job with the event.

Van Pershing



Cactus President John Seaman oversees the activities



Miner Fleming's car get to ride on a trailer...



The Bloom's Greenbrier made it all the way under its own power.



The Corvairs display at Thorobred Chevrolet



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.

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 2011 Events at a Glance

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.

Wed, Oct 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, Oct 29

Cops and Rodders Car Show, Hi Corbett Field, on line registration for show and volunteers at www.copsandrodderstucson.org

Sat, Nov 12

Steering & Suspension Clinic, 9:00am, Jim Mills', 2781 N Sundance Trail. There will a tech session on steering and suspension disassembly, overhaul and reassembly.

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.



Ron Kosidowski's convertible on display at O'Rielly Chevrolet during the 50th Anniversary celebration of the introduction of the Corvair on October 2, 2009.

September Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held September 28, 2011 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Ron Bloom.

The minutes of the August meeting as published in the *Corvairsation* were approved.

In attendance were Ken and Heidi Farr, Ron and Lynn Bloom, Jim Mills, Allen Elvick, Don Robinson, Rudy Islas, Ed Segerstrom, Bill Leslie, Ron Kosidowski, Mike Strong, Don Green, and Leah Proud.

Don Green and Leah Proud announced they were joining the club.

Past Club activities were discussed. The Little Anthony's Car Show was scheduled as an event for the club but no one attended. The 51th Anniversary show at Thorobred Chevrolet in Chandler on October 1, 2011 was attended by Tucsonans Ron Bloom, Ken and Heidi Farr, Jim Mills, and Mike Strong.

A Tune Up Clinic at Jim Mills' was announced for November 12, 2011. Chassis and suspension will be the main topic of discussion.

President Bloom announced the new CORSA rule changes regarding chapter status and non-CORSA members. TCA members who are not members of CORSA will pay an additional \$3.00 dues every year. He encouraged everyone to join CORSA.

It was announced that former TCA member Tracy Miller is selling her two Rampsides.

The raffle was held and the meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Submitted by Heidi Farr

New CORSA Chapter Policy

The Tucson Corvair Association is a chartered chapter of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) and in order retain chapter status it must follow the Operating Policy, which was recently revised.

The policy states: A chartered chapter shall endeavor to maintain 100% of its members as CORSA members and that CORSA members must account for at least half of the chapter membership. CORSA chapter shall be required to collect a \$3.00 non-CORSA affiliation fee for each non-CORSA member. The policy further states that all executive offices of the chapter must be CORSA members.

Starting with the 2012 membership year, all TCA members who are non-CORSA members will pay \$18 dues per year, instead of the current \$15. The new family dues will be \$28 per year, instead of the current \$22 rate.

Dues are due January 1st of each year.

President's Message

I am really enjoying the weather, cool evenings, and warm days!!! Now is the time to get your Corvairs out and enjoy the wonderful weather here in the desert.

The trip to Chandler was wonderful. The bunch from Cactus Corvair made us feel right at home. There were plenty of door prizes, hospitality; and the pizza was great. Jim Mills took Miner Flemming's '63 Corvair from the Cactus Club down on the trailer. Miner was glad to get it back. Jim gave a tech session about oil filters, and a lot of do's and don't's about the Corvair engine. Ken Farr had Tweetie all shined up, and Lynn and I drove the Greenbrier, along with Don Green & Leah Proud. We were getting ready to head back to Tucson when oil began pouring out of my van. Thanks to John Seaman and Bruce Levitch, the 1/8" nipple pipe for the oil sending unit was replaced and we were on our way. Good thing it happened there and not on I-10. THANK YOU John and Bruce for all your help. We all made it back and it was a fun day.

The annual Cars In The Park Car Show in Sierra Vista was another highlight this month. Ken had the right idea: top down, smiling as he passed by my barn door with his hat on backwards... just kidding about the hat!!! Makes me anxious to get my '64 open on the road. We had a fun time at Sierra Vista. There were a lot of beautiful cars including a black 2-door and a red '63 open. Jim brought his Rampside, Ken and Heidi's Tweetie, and Ron and Lynn's van were all in attendance. Our new members, Don Green and Leah Proud, were there. Lynn and Leah set up a table and were selling cookies and jewelry. I went to get a sample and they hit me up for 75 cents. No freebies from those girls. The raisin and oatmeal cookies were pretty tasty. None of us got a trophy this year. The other guys beat us out with those VW things. Oh well, there's always next year. No troubles on the way down. After the show, we ice creamed up and headed back. It was a good time for all.

A reminder that Jim, our vice president, is hosting another tech session soon. Make plans to attend. You will be glad you did. Bring a friend and enjoy.

Be sure to come to the next to the meeting. We will be having guest speakers. Fellow TCA board members, don't overlook the board meeting before the regular meeting. We'll start at 5:30 sharp. Please make plans to attend. Make your voice heard with fresh new ideas. Your input is always needed. Don't forget to bring your prize for the raffle. REMEMBER its your club, come and be part of it...

See ya at the meeting!!!!

God Bless
Ron



IMPORTANT NOTICE: Proposed Bylaw changes

Due to recent CORSA Chapter Policy change and other items in need of revision, the TCA Board of Directors is proposing that the TCA Bylaws be amended. In order meet the requirements to amend the Bylaws, notice must given to the members by publishing the proposed changes in the *Corvairsation*. Consider this to be said notice. Further, amendments of the Bylaws are to approved at a regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of all members present. This vote will be conducted at the next meeting which will be held on October 26, 2011.

The proposed changes are as follows:

Article I. 3. Currently reads: "The TCA will maintain chartered chapter membership in CORSA, the Corvair Society of America." It is proposed that the words "and abide by the regulations thereof" be added.

Article II. 2 and 3. pertain to dues and are currently worded to accommodate payment of dues during any given month of the year so that a person's membership runs from that given month to the same month the following year. Several years ago the board decided to have everyone's membership run from January to January to ease the burden of tracking each person. The proposed changes in these two sections reflect that all dues are due in January of each year.

Article III. 1. pertains to the members of the Board of Directors. It is proposed that the Webmaster be added as a member of the Board. This change is proposed because of the increase in the use of the Website to communicate with the membership. It is also proposed that the following sentence be added to this section: "In the event that a person holds more than one position on the Board of Directors, that person shall have only one vote.

Article IV. 1. It is proposed that the Nomination Committee appointed each October by the President be changed from three members to two members.

Article VII. It is proposed that a section 4 be added which states: "A Webmaster will be appointed by the President with concurrence of the Board of Directors.

A copy of the proposed amended Bylaws can be seen on the website (www.corvairs.org). At the bottom of the Main Menu click on "Proposed Bylaw Amendments". All proposed changes are in red letters with old verbiage having been struck through. Please take a moment and read through the proposed changes so that a vote may be taken at the next meeting with a minimum of effort.



New Board Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors will now meet every month immediately before the regularly scheduled monthly club meeting at 5:30 PM.

Board meetings are open to all members.

New T-shirts



Here is the final layout of the new T-shirt as recieved from the screen printer.

The T-shirts will be available for pick up at the October meeting. Bring your checkbook and enjoy your new TCA shirts.



Jim Mills' Rampside (above) and Charlie Evans' V8 Monza as seen at the 2011 Chevy Showdown.



Cars in the Park - Sierra Vista

The 24th Annual Cars in the Park Car Show sponsored by the Sierra Vista Car Club was held on October 8, 2011 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at Veteran's Memorial Park.

The Corvairs competed in the "air-cooled" class which included other makes such as Volkswagens.

Ken and Heidi Farr took the Tweetie car, Ron and Lynn Bloom made the trip in their Greenbrier, and Jim Mill's drove his green Rampside. TCA didn't bring home any trophies since the Volkswagens had the edge. The Corvairs were not out-classed, however.

There were two Corvairs in attendance that were not from the TCA: a beautiful black '63 Monza coupe and nice looking red '62 convertible from New Mexico.

Leah Proud and Lynn Bloom set up a table and were selling sea shells by the sea shore, or it may have been cookies and jewelry - no one was real sure.

This year's attendees vowed that at least one trophy would come home to Tucson next year!



This '63 Monza coupe was one of the non-TCA cars at the event.



Lynn and Leah on their way to their first million.



A 1962 convertible from New Mexico made it to the show,



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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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