

# Madera Canyon Picnic a Thundering Success

by Lynn Bloom

The Madera Canyon picnic was off to a good start. We met at Home Depot at Irvington and I-19 at 8:30am. Donald and Leah were already there, so we waited for everyone else. Ken and Heidi Farr arrived around 9:15. There were a couple of strangers there that wanted to take pictures of the ever-popular Greenbrier and yellow Tweety car.

In attendance were Ron and Lynn Bloom, Donald and Leah Green, Chad and Chelsea Ritter, Ken and Heidi Farr with great-granddaughter, Lydia, and John and Amy Young. Our president Lynn Marr's was in Phoenix and unable to be on the outing.

We left the Home Depot at around 9:45am and headed out to Madera Canyon. It was fun travelling in a caravan down the highway. John and Amy Young were not in the caravan. Since they live so close to Madera Canyon, they met us there. We arrived around ten fifteen. It was fun until they told us charcoal fires were not permitted because of the high risk of fire. All we had was charcoal! We tried to buy a gas grill at the local store but as luck would have it, none were available. Ken and Heidi went back to the Green Valley Walmart and acquired a gas grill for the picnic and any future event that might require such an apparatus.

By the time they got back, the sky was looking very gray. John, Ron, Ken and Chad put the grill together. Chad did the grilling and did pretty darn good job.

All of the sudden it started to rain huge raindrops and then came the claps of thunder. We all scattered to our vehicles, except Chad. There in the rain and lightning and thunder standing guard over the grill and cooking our meal. We finally returned to the picnic area where Chad was still working diligently cooking. Thanks to Chad we had a nice meal of good steaks, chicken and hot dogs.

After some good conversation it began to get cold. Yes, COLD! We decided it was time to go. It was almost 2 o'clock

when we left for home. The rain had caused a couple of washes along the forest service road to flow. The vehicles made it through them just fine. When we got to the main road it was completely flooded. Ron was anxious to ford the raging torrent, but was convinced to wait it out. After about 20 minutes a Border Patrol car made a run for it, followed by a couple of other cars. That's all it took to give Ron the courage to give it a try. With his white-knuckled passengers praying for their lives, the Greenbrier took the torrent like it had webbed feet.

It was a fun day even if it did rain on our picnic.



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# TCA 2012/13 Events

Sat, Aug 18

**Cruise Night to Little Anthony's.** Registration starts at 5pm. Show starts at 7 pm and ends at 10. See you there.

Wed, Aug 22

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

Sat, Sep 15

**BBQ at the Elvicks.** We'll spend an afternoon with good food and good people.

Sat, Sep 29

**Kitt Peak Adventure.** A cool day with an insiders tour!

Sat, Oct 6

**Annual Birth of the Corvair Car Show.** Thorobred Chevrolet, 2121 N Arizona Ave., Chandler, Arizona. Arrive 8:30am. Show starts at 9:30am. Sponsored by the Cactus Corvair Club.

Sat, Oct 13

**Tucson Classics Car Show.** St. Gregory College Preparatory School, 3231 N. Craycroft, Tucson.

Sat, Oct 13

**Cars in the Park Car Show.** Presented by the Sierra Vista Car Club, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Oct 26-28

**Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet:** Palm Springs, California.

Sat, Nov 3

**Cops and Rodders Car Show,** Hi Corbett Field, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Nov 2012

**Tech Session**

Dec 2012

**Annual TCA Christmas Dinner.**

Jan 2013

**Tubac Car Show.**

Feb 2013

**Tech Session**

## July Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held July 25, 2012 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

The monthly meeting opened at 7:00 pm by our president Lynn Marrs.

Attending the meeting were President Lynn Marrs, VP Charlie Evens, Ken Farr, Jenny Ferrell, Lynn Bloom, Amy Young, Don Robinson, Ron Bloom, John and Amy Young, Mike Strong, Van Pershing, Heidi Farr, and Joel Rushworth from British Columbia.

Van Pershing requested a check for \$100.00 for Corvairsation production. A barbecue grill was purchased for the Madera Canyon outing because no charcoal fires were allowed in the park. The cost was \$50.93. Ken and Heidi Farr will be reimbursed when Allen Elvick returns from vacation.

A cruise night was discussed as an activity for August. It was agreed that we would all go to Little Anthony's on August 18. Registration starts at 5pm with the show going from 7pm to 10pm.

On September 15th there will be a barbecue at Allen Elvick's house. Please everyone attend.

On September 29th there will be a fun run to Kitt Peak with a special tour by Bob Moulton.

There was a discussion about St. Gregory's car show and the show in Sierra Vista being on the same day in October. Some members of the Club will go to one show and some will go to the other. Ken Farr will bring registration for the Sierra Vista show to the next meeting.

Ken Farr proposed we have only one board meeting per quarter but keep our regular meetings as usual. It was decided to have the next board meeting in October and then every quarter thereafter.

Heidi Farr and John Young gave reports about the Madera Canyon picnic. They reported that Chad Ritter did a wonderful job cooking and withstanding the downpour of rain. A big thanks to Chad for his dedication and wonderful job well-done.

Ron Bloom gave the treasurer's report for Allen as he was out of town. The month of June started with \$2,440.28 and ended with \$2,454.28 in the coffers.

Don Robinson reported on the merchandise. Heidi Farr suggested we add TCA windbreakers.

Van reported on the newsletter and website and solicited suggestion to improve them.

Raffle was a fifty-fifty drawing since there were no prizes available. Thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle. Mike Strong won and donated it all back to the club.

Tech Talk: Van talked about the paint job he had just finished on the '65 Turbo Corsa he's working on. Ron Bloom had questions about his van that John Young and Van Pershing tried to answer to the best of their knowledge. John Young reported that his '66 Turbo Corsa convertible is done and received a nice rock chip on the trunk lid and windshield on it's maiden voyage.

Raffle Prizes for next month: Ken Farr, Ron Bloom and Mike Strong.

Van made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Ron Bloom seconding the motion.

*Submitted by Lynn Bloom*

## Annual Birth of the Corvair Car Show

Coming up on October 6, 2012, the Cactus Corvair Club is sponsoring their annual Birth of the Corvair Car Show at Thorobred Chevrolet in Chandler, Arizona.

Once again there will be giveaways, and free breakfast and lunch for all that come.

Show up at 8:30am to get set up and the show will start at 9:30am. For more information, call John Seaman at 480-242-1211.



Birth of the Corvair Show in 2011

## Performance Clutch Disc



Bob Coffin now has these 6-puck ceramic clutch discs available. This type is not available from the major Corvair parts vendors. Their's are \$40 more and have springs which are not needed on a Corvair. They add rotational weight increasing shift times and trans syncro wear. This disc can be driven on the street with care but is more suited for autocrossing and track use.

\$130 each, \$10 shipping CONUS. Discount on shipping for more than one.

Please contact Bob at : [dryenko@surry.net](mailto:dryenko@surry.net), if interested. Type "clutch disc" in subject line to avoid spam filter.

# International CORSA Convention 2012

The CORSA Convention was held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts on July 25-28, 2012. Over 180 Corvairs of all kinds were on display. The follow photos come from the CORSA website. To see more go to [www.corvair.org](http://www.corvair.org).



It turns out that Ralph Nader actually was WRONG!!



Late model display



Forward control display area



Rally staging area

## More Convention Photos.

The Rally in progress



Titus and Allison Stewart's '61 Lakewood



Jim Cotrofeld's front-engine V-8



A Corvaire-powered trike

## '65 VW Bus Tent

A company in Great Britain is selling these great tents made to look like a full-size 1965 Volkswagen Camper Bus.

Somebody really needs to make one that looks like a Greenbrier!





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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 (just south of Ina), Tucson, Arizona.

Board of Director meetings are held at 5:30pm before the regular monthly meeting at the same location in the months of January, April, July and October. All members are welcome to attend.

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