

Ryan Field Adventure

Ryan Airfield was built by the United States Army Air Forces in 1942 as a site for primary flight training. Military flight training at Ryan ceased in 1944 and the property was conveyed to the State of Arizona in 1948. Currently owned by the City of Tucson, Ryan Field is operated by the Tucson Airport Authority under an agreement which expires in 2054.

On Saturday morning, June 16, 2012, an entourage from the Tucson Corvair Association made the journey to this historic airfield 10 miles southwest of downtown Tucson and enjoyed breakfast at Todd's Restaurant. Making the trip were Lynn Marrs, Bill Maynard, Van and Vicki Pershing, Charlie and Sandy Evans with their son, Clayton, Ken and Heidi Farr with great granddaughter, Lydia, John and Amy Young, Allen and Marianne Elvick, Ron and Lynn Bloom, Chad Ritter, Mike Lake, and Ed Segerstrom. Several Corvairs were driven to the event and included Ron Bloom's Greenbrier, Charlie and Sandy Evan's V-8 Monza, Van Pershing's Stinger, Allen Elvick's '64 convertible, and Bill Maynard's Lakewood.

After breakfast, John and Amy Young gave us a tour of their hangers. One hanger houses their airplane and the other their three Corvairs. Their '61 coupe and their '65 Monza are complete and have been on the road for some time. Their '66 Turbo Corsa convertible isn't quite ready to go on the road but it's getting real close.



John Young's '65 Monza took 1st place at the Chevy Showdown for the second straight year. President Lynn Marrs presented the 1st plaque.



One of the Young's hangers houses this Technam P92 Echo DeLuxe.



The Young's second hanger is home to their three Corvairs. A white '61 coupe, a blue '65 Monza, and a red '66 Turbo Corsa.

The red '66 Turbo Corsa convertible is almost ready for the road. John has been working on this car for a couple of years and his labors are about to pay off.



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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) for members of CORSA. Add \$3 per person for non-CORSA members. Make checks payable to the Tucson Corvair Association.

Change of Address: Report any change of address or phone number to the Membership Chairperson.

CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communique, a bi-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 2012 Events at a Glance

Sat, Jul 14

Picnic at Madera Canyon. Meet in the parking lot of the Home Depot on Irvington and I-19 at 9:00am. The Club will provide the meat and drinks. Bring a side dish to share.

Wed, Jul 25

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).

Jul 25 - 28

CORSA International Convention. Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

Jul & Aug

Cruise Nights to Sonic Drive-In. We'll pick a couple of nights and cruise for a refreshing beverage and show off our Corvairs.

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 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

June Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held June 27, 2012 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

The Club meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

In attendance were Lynn Marrs, Allen Elvick, Mike Lake, Amy and John Young, Don Robinson, and Ed Segerstrom.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 23 meeting was made by Allen, seconded by Ed and all agreed.

No President's report other than thanking John and Amy for taking us on the tour of their hangers at Ryan Field and the fact that 18 people showed up for breakfast at Todd's.

Vice President's Report: No report ... V.P. not present.

Allen gave the treasurer's report: Cash on hand \$2855.71 at the beginning of June. Income for June 2012 was \$39.54. Expenses were \$454.97 (\$254.97 for Chevy Showdown, \$200 for Tombstone outing). Ending balance: \$2440.28. The report was unanimously approved.

Don Robinson reported on Merchandise and all the shirts he has for sale. (Mike Lake bought a shirt after the meeting.)

No editors report.

Raffle: we took in \$8.00.

Mike Lake was the only person to bring a gift. John Young won the raffle. The gift was a beautiful pencil drawing of a 1966 Corvair which John said he was going to frame. It was truly an outstanding pencil drawing.

Tech Talk: Ed Segerstrom has a problem of throwing engine oil. He can drive great for a couple of miles with oil pressure perfect. Then oil begins to kick out. He said the car just drops the oil out of the big seal. And, of course, the oil pressure drops. He has checked several items but cannot figure out what is happening. Everyone made suggestions. Mike mentioned a particular valve that should be checked and cleaned out. Ed said he would check that.

John Young made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Lake, all approved.

Good Night!

Submitted by Lynn Marrs



Lydia and Clayton at Ryan Field



Come and Enjoy a Madera Canyon Picnic July 14th



Picnic at Madera Canyon. We'll meet in the parking lot of the Home Depot on Irvington and I-19 at 9:00am. We'll then caravan to the picnic spot in Madera Canyon where the elevation is about 5,400 feet above sea level and the air is crisp and clean.

The Club will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share, and drive a Corvair too.



About the only thing that can come between
a Corvair owner and his Corvair is



his wife

'64 Corvair Monza Club Copy

More Photos from Ryan Field Trip



1961



1965



1966



Photos by Ed Segerstrom and Van Pershing.



For more photos of the Ryan Field event, go to www.corvairs.org and click on "Events and Activities."

What if.... the Corvair 300

Recently Matt Null posted some pictures of a project that is being undertaken by Jim Reich of Longmont, Colorado.

Jim says:

“In 1960, Detroit’s big 3 automakers introduced their answer to the perceived marketing threat from Europe. Whether the Volkswagen was really competition is debatable but as Chevrolet soon discovered, there was definitely a strong demand for a more sporty version of our beloved Corvair. When they added bucket seats, more power, upscale interior and called it the Monza, sales took off. In fact, the success of this new direction by the Corvair spurred both Ford and Chrysler to respond with their own upscale sporty compacts. The race was on and while Chevy introduced the turbocharged 150 horsepower Spyder model in 1962, the Falcon was adding a 260 c.i. V-8 and Chrysler the V-8 powered Barracuda. Of course, it wasn’t long before all of the compacts were adding bigger and bigger V-8’s, including the Nova, Buick, Olds and Pontiac versions from GM. The Corvair just couldn’t keep up.....gas was cheap and economy was dead.

But, what if the Corvair could have added a high performance model that could keep up. We all know bigger engines lead to higher horsepower, but given the size limitations of the Corvair flat six, bigger wasn’t a good alternative. However, weight reduction is an inexpensive way of achieving the same result. The Corvair already had a unique power pack that was relatively light with air cooling and extensive use of aluminum. What if the rest of the car was put on a diet? Give up comfort and convenience in exchange for fun and big performance improvements?

Imagine a light, open air runabout that would be both fun and quick.”

Here are a few pictures of the progress of Jim’s project. It will be powered by a 140hp/PowerGlide. He’s planning on showing the “trike” at a big car show the last weekend in July and then it will be off to the paint shop in August. This winter will be spent putting all the finishing touches on it.

A complete slideshow of the project can be seen at www.tinelement.com. Click on “Projects” and find the ‘64 Corvair.





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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. All members are welcome to attend.

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