

TCA Represented at Two Big Shows

On Saturday, October 13, 2012, members of the Tucson Corvair Association represented the club with their Corvairs at the Cars In The Park Car Show in Sierra Vista and the Classics Of Tucson Car Show in Tucson.

Ken Farr and Jim Mills attended the Cars In The Park show. Jim took his white '63 convertible and Ken was there with his yellow '64 convertible.

Vice President Charlie Evans attended the Classics Of Tucson show with his blue V-8 powered '65 Monza.



Ken Farr's yellow '64 convertible and Jim Mills' white '63 convertible were big hits at the show in Sierra Vista.



The Classics of Tucson show drew over 400 cars this year.



A rarely seen 1959 DeSoto Firedome convertible was at the Sierra Vista show. Two Corvairs could easily fit in its trunk!



Below: A general view of the Cars In The Park Car Show in Sierra Vista.



Tucson Corvair Association



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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 Comminique, 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

Wed, Nov 28

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).

Wed, Dec 19

Annual TCA Christmas Dinner, 6:30pm, Michelangelo's. 420 W. Magee Rd. Bring a couple of nonperishable items for the Food Bank and a white elephant gift. If you have items for a Silent Auction, bring those too.

Sat, Feb 2

Tubac Car Show.

No Regular Meeting in
December. See you at
the Christmas Party.

November Meeting:
Wednesday, November 28

Usually we meet on the third Wednesday in November
so we don't interfere with Thanksgiving. This year

Thanksgiving falls in that week so we'll meet a week later.

October Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held October 24, 2012 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by our President Lynn Marrs at 7:00pm. In attendance were Allen Elvick, Mike Strong, Mike Lake, Don Robinson, Ron Bloom, Lynn Bloom, Lynn Marrs, Jim Mills, Ken Farr, Charlie Evans, and Sandy Evans. Visiting were Clayton Evans, Charlie Evans Jr., and Pauline Moore

Lynn announced that the cookout at Allen Elvick's was a great success and that they all had a very good time.

The Kitt Peak outing was also discussed. Club members met at McDonald's on Ajo and Kenney. Ron Bloom drove a convertible that he had just purchased and to the amazement of all, the car had no problems going up the hills. On the other hand, Bill Maynard's car had problems even before he left the parking lot. Allen Elvick let Bill and Lynn use his convertible. A big THANK YOU to Allen for his support. The trip was a pleasant one and everyone had a wonderful time. Bob Moulton was a wonderful tour guide and a great host. We even got to go into the control room. There were a couple people there watching for different atoms which was a great joy to see. The instruments were amazing. They had different sounds for the different atoms that are in the atmosphere. We had our lunch in the control room as it was a little too windy outside. Over all you all missed a wonderful time and an exciting adventure. It was then time to go back down the hill since the evening was coming on. Bill had asked Ron to follow him in case he ran out of gas. Low and behold he made it to the gas station and while he was filling up Ron's car stopped running. Lynn and Bill came to his rescue. They got it running and everyone went on their merry way and made it home safely and successfully. Vice President Charlie Evens reported that he had taken his family and his little one had a wonderful time.

Lynn discussed the health problems that Heidi and Jim were having and we wished them the best of luck on their recovery.

President Lynn Marrs reported that Thanksgiving was just around the corner, so the next meeting will be the fourth Wednesday of November. She also reported on the Christmas party and it will be at Michelangelo's on Magee. They have food that everyone will like. Please don't forget to bring a can of food for the food bank and a white elephant gift for the Christmas exchange. She also asked that if anyone was bring a child to let her know so that she can bring a gift for a child. The party will be December the 19th at 6:30 P.M.

Allen Elvick gave a financial report. If you would like to see a copy of the report, contact Allen.

Don Robinson reported that there are club T-shirts available for sale.

Lynn Marrs announced that she has not yet appointed a nominating committee for the upcoming election of officers.

Raffle prizes were won by Mike Lake, Mike Strong, and Charlie Evens.

Ron Bloom gave the tech talk if you want any information please contact Ron.

Volunteer for raffle prizes for January's meeting are Ken Farr, Jim Mills, Mike Lake, Allen Elvick, and Don Robinson.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Lynn Bloom

President's Message

Greetings:

We missed you at the Kitt Peak adventure. We saw so much that we would have not be able to enjoy without Bob Moulton guiding us into the inter sanctum.

We were very happy with number of people that showed up for the fun.

Christmas is coming. Our annual Christmas party will be at Michelangelo's Italian restaurant. Wonderful food and all different prices. We will have a back room to ourselves. The time is 6:30pm and the date is Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

Please bring a couple of cans of food for the Food Bank and a white elephant gift to share. If you are bringing a child, please let me know so I can get an age appropriate gift. I don't want anyone left out. This will be such a fun party. I hope all of you can come and enjoy. Let me know if any of you want a silent auction, or just bring a silent auction item and we'll do it.

As always, proud to be your president,

Lynn Marrs



Call for Officers

New TCA Officers will be elected at the regular club meeting in February and will take over the reins of the Club on March 1, 2013. The Board of Directors will appointing a nominating committee very soon to ask people to serve in the various positions.

The positions of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Board Member-at-Large, and Membership Chairman will need to be filled.

It takes no special talents or skills to be an officer in the Tucson Corvair Association, just a willingness to serve for a year or two. As in most organizations whose its existence depends on volunteers, there are very few who are willing to step up and make things happen. You can make a difference!

If you are interested in serving in one of these position, please make it known to any board member so that your name can be considered by the Nominating Committee.



Fly a Corvair

Ron Miles, a northwest side Tucsonan, is nearing the end of a project that he has been working on for the passed 3 years: a Corvair-powered Zenith STOL CH-750 aircraft.

He's building the plane, which has a 29'-10" wing span, in his garage with no room to spare. Fortunately, the wings are removable so he's pretty sure he can get it out when the time comes.

The Zenith CH-750 is a kit plane that is part of a family of two-place light planes that first flew in 1986. The CH-750 weighs in at less than 800 pounds empty with a gross weight of just over 1300 pounds. It falls into the FFA light sport category. The plane is designed for very short take-offs and landings which make it a great plane to take places where there are no airports.

Ron has spared no expense in preparing the Corvair for flight duty. Special parts were available to make it air worthy, such as a special crankshaft bearing that attaches to the prop-end to take care of the extra stresses that the crank sees from the propeller. The intake manifolds have been modified so that an aircraft carburetor can be used. Special brackets are used to mount the alternator and the Subaru starter. The Corvair is anticipated to produce around 100 horsepower. Even though Ron has invested over \$7,000 in the engine, it's still a far cry from the \$30,000 price of a 4 cylinder, 100 horsepower Continental O-200.



Pictured here is a typical Zenith CH-750. Ron hasn't decided on a paint scheme yet but he's leaning toward something in yellow.



Van Pershing

Below left: A view of the propeller-end of the engine showing the Subaru starter and special parts for mounting the prop and alternator. Below right: A view of the aft-end showing the special intake piping and oil filter adapter.

Ron Miles (above) explains a few of the modifications that had to be done to his '67 110-horsepower Corvair engine to make it flight worthy.





Left: .020 sheet aluminum is used to fabricate the skin of the Zenith CH-750. Ron is just finishing the last couple of pieces to complete the project. The motor mount is ready to receive it's new Corvair power plant. The engine will sit on the four red urethane bushings that can be seen here.

Right: Recently, Ron invited me and a couple of other neighbors over to help him lift the Corvair engine from the work bench to it's final resting place in the airplane. The engine as seen here weighs 213 pounds and will produce about 100 horsepower.

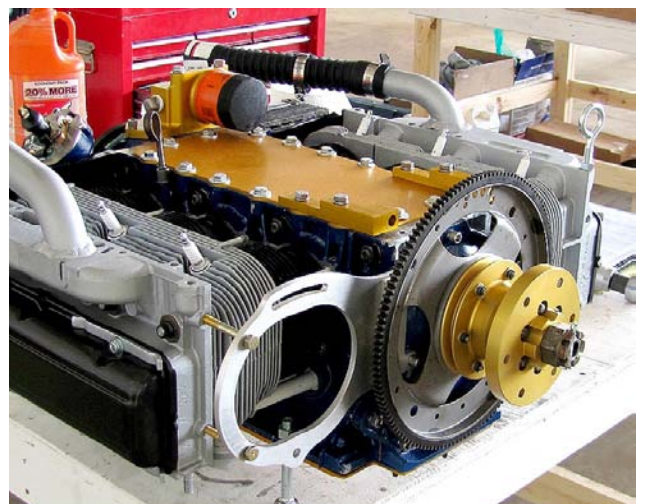


Corvair College #20

Ten years and still holding its own

Submitted by John Young

Corvair College is fast becoming a household term in the experimental aviation community. A total 20 "colleges" in 11 years have been held. The following photos appeared EAA's Experimenter of the Corvair College held in Hillsdale, Michigan, on the weekend of June 3 to 5, 2011.





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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 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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