

Corvairs in the Silver Book

Chevrolet dealers use the "Silver Book", which is a guide to special bodies and equipment for its trucks. In thumbing through the 1963 Silver Book, I found a couple of Corvair related items of interest.

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Besides these Greenbrier options, the Ultra Van was also listed as the new Go-Home: a major breakthrough in vehicle design and construction.



Sleeps 6—3 adults and 3 children
Top goes up or down in 2 seconds

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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 CORSAs. 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 CORSAs Communique, a bi-monthly publication. CORSAs 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 2013 Events at a Glance

Mar 27, Wed

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).

Apr 27, Sat

28th Annual Chevy Showdown. 9:00am to 4:00pm, Home Depot Plaza, 4302 N. Oracle Road (Oracle and Limberlost).

Jul 16 - 20

CORSAs National Convention, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dues are Due

The following members have not paid their dues for 2013:

Richard Fasnella
Lance & Sherri Gillingham
Vic & Ingrad Howard
Don Green & Leah Proud
Joe Hiller
Rudy Islas
George & Laura Jones
Ron Kosidowski
Lynn Marrs
Fred Nuñez
Jerry Roethlisberger

Dues are due in January of each year and are \$15 for an individual and \$18 for family membership.

Dues may be paid by mailing a check made payable to the Tucson Corvair Association (TCA) and mailed to Allen Elvick, 4210 S. Preston, Tucson, AZ 85735 or paying at the regular club meeting.

February Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held February 27, 2013 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson, Arizona.

President Lynn Marrs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

In attendance were Lynn Marrs, Allen Elvick, Van Pershing, Lynn and Ron Bloom, Jim Mills, Mike Lake, Charlie Evans, Ken and Heidi Farr, Bill Maynard, Don Robinson, John and Amy Young, and John Nicholson. Also in attendance were Graham Dell and his wife visiting from Washington state.

Van Pershing announced that the Chevy Showdown will be held on April 27 at the Home Depot shopping center on Oracle and Wetmore. They have asked that the Club assist them again this year with parking and judging. We will be passing a sign-up sheet around at the next meeting.

Merchandise chairman Don Robinson reminded everyone that he has Corvair oil filters for sale at \$6 each.

The nominating committee presented the names of this year's TCA officers. The nominees are: Mike Lake, President; Lynn Bloom, Vice President; Lynn Marrs, Recording Secretary; Allen Elvick, Treasurer; Fred Nuñez, Board Member-at-Large; Ron Bloom, Membership Chairman. The slate was then voted on by the general membership. The vote was unanimous.

The floor was given to Graham Dell who is a member of the Corvanatics chapter of CORSA. Corvanatics is sponsoring the 2014 CORSA Convention which will be held in Tacoma, Washington. The venue will be the famous LeMay Car Museum in the heart of the city. They are in the process of negotiating with the General Motors to have a few of the Corvair-based show cars on display at the museum for the Convention. It promises to be a great event.

The raffle was held and assignments for raffle prizes for next month's meeting were given.

A brief tech session was held and the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.



1964 Monza Coupe

FOR SALE: 110hp, 4 speed, metallic blue exterior/black interior. Restored - started with rust-free Arizona car; absolutely no rust on this car. Engine rebuilt, clutch redone, Clark dual exhaust, new interior, new dash, new headliner, new door panels, reupholstered seats, new steering wheel, new carpet, re-chromed bumpers. Much of the trim is new. \$6,500. Contact Roger Finkenbine at 520-429-5470, 520-444-7747, or RogerN2721W@hughes.net

President's Message

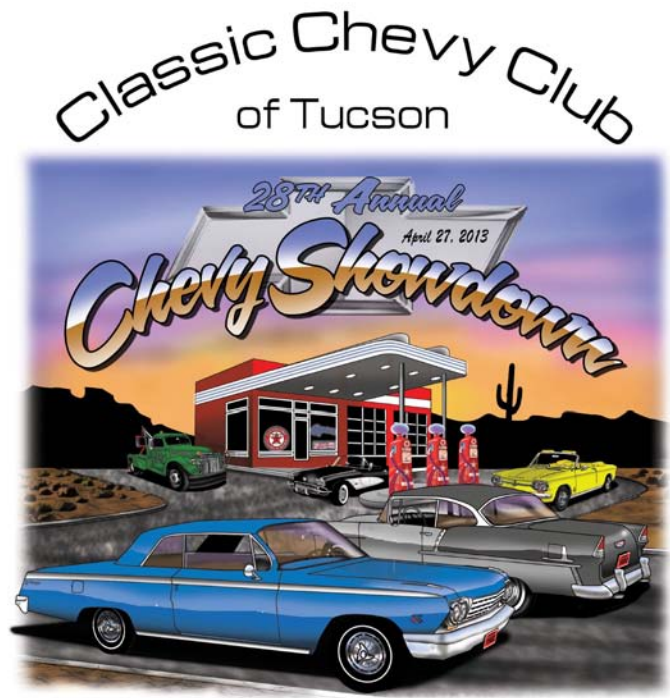
I would first like to say thank you to all of you who have served on the board, supported the club in one way or another, and attended club meetings and events in the past year. Without you this great club would not be what it is today. This Tucson Corvair Association is something to be very proud of.



When I first decided to join this club, I wasn't sure what to expect. I've belonged to other clubs over the years that were pre-occupied with infighting, power struggles and actions detrimental to the clubs' well being. I have seen none of this in this club. It is very refreshing to be part of a club that has so many quality members whose purpose is to have fun while enjoying their passion for the Corvair. From the beginning I have always felt welcome, and that means a lot to me. I have a deep respect for all of you and look forward to working together to make this a fun filled year.

If anyone has an idea for a club event, please chime in at the meeting on the 27th. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,
Mike Lake



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2013 Tubac Car Show

The TCA was not in force at the Tubac Car Show on February 2nd as in years passed, but John Nicholson was there with his red convertible and was able to do us proud.



John Nicholson's '67 Monza convertible (left) was the only TCA car at the show. The nice '64 coupe (below) was the only other Corvair at the show this year.

Photos by John Nicholson



Well, at least the motor is on the right end of the car!



Chevrolet Vega Verta-Pak

Chevrolet created the Corvair as their “compact” car of the 60s. By the 70s the Vega was Chevy’s compact car entry in the market. Smaller than the Corvair, it was made to compete with the inrush of compact cars from overseas. They were both innovative cars, but share little else in common except the bowtie and the fact that both were produced for only 10 years and both sold a total of a little more than a million and a half units; Corvair 1.6 million and Vega 1.9 million. Today, I suspect there are more Corvairs on the road than Vegas, mostly because the Vega tended to rust at the mere sight of any moisture whatsoever.

A special freight car was designed to carry the Vega to market: the “Verta-Pak”. The Vega was designed to be shipped vertically with its nose down. The Vega’s engine oil pan had a special baffle to keep oil from seeping into the number 1 cylinder while the cars were vertical. The battery caps, carburetor float bowls and windshield washer fluid reservoirs were also designed to prevent fluids from leaking during shipping. Special rail cars known as “Verta-Pak” cars were built with hangers to carry the Vegas to market in this vertical arrangement.

The Verta-Pac was a custom-designed rail car that could hold 30 Vegas nose-down compared to the 18 held by a regular car hauler. There were 15 cars on each side of the railcar nose down and top to top.





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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 generally 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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