

Collector Car Show at Tubac

The Benson trip on February 22 was uneventful (no blown tires, no speeding tickets). We had a nice ride to the Horse Shoe Cafe. In attendance were John and Amy Young, Dave Lynch and his son Patrick, Ken and Heide Farr with their grand daughter, Ron and Lynn Bloom, Jim Mills, Frank Trejo and his wife and children, Sam Pernu, my mom, Jan Lake, and me, Mike Lake. We had a great time. The food was great and the portions were huge. You should of seen the ham steak Ron had. They must have butchered two hogs for that one! Everyone left there full. As we were positioning the cars for the photo shoot, we spotted an early model Spyder convertible. He drove by us twice as we waved for him to join us. We also passed by him on I-10 and tried to get him to pullover, but he didn't seem to want to talk to us. Go figure!

Mike Lake



More pictures can be seen at www.corvairs.org.

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TCA 2014 Events at a Glance

Apr 12, Sat

Yogurt Run. We'll cruise to City Yogurt near Irvingto and I-19. The shop is owned by fellow Corvair enthusiasts who moved to Tucson from California.

Apr 23, Wed

Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Kettle Restaurant, 748 W Starr Pass, I-10 & 22nd.

Apr 26, Sat

29th Annual Chevy Showdown. Sponsored by the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson.

Apr 26, Sat

After Showdown Party. Immediately after the Chevy Showdown Everyone (even if you weren't able to make it to the Show) are invited to come to the Mills' home, 2781 N Sundance Trail, Tucson. Bring a side dish to share. Culb will provide the main course.

May 10, Sat

Mount Lemmon Picnic. Details to follow.

Jun 7, Sat

Night at the Gaslight Theater. We'll go the 6pm performance of Beach Blanket Bee-Bop.

Sep 2014

Madera Canyon Picnic. Details to follow.



Welcome New TCA
Member:
JAN LAKE

WANTED: Hublely, Tonka, Buddy L, Structo, Wyandotte, Doepke cars and trucks in good to better condition! Also old Volvo advertising signs or dealer signs. Respond to Bruce Levitch 480-786-1767 or blevitch@cox.net

March Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held March 26, 2014 at Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called order at 7:05pm by President Mike Lake. In attendance were Jim Mills, Ken Farr, Bill Maynard, Don Robinson, Dave Lynch, Jan Lake, Allen Elvick, Ed Segerstrom, Sam Pernu, Mike Lake, Ron and Lynn Bloom, Van Pershing, Rudy Cole, John and Amy Young, Chris Cunningham, Barry Cunningham, and Frank Trejo with sons FJ and Javier.

Cruise to the Sonic Drive In was held March 22. Four Corvairs attended and an enjoyable time was had by all.

An upcoming tour of the Titan Missile Museum was discussed. Contact will be made with Bob Moulton to get a date.

A trip to the Gaslight Theater will take place on June 7 for the 6:00pm showing. Details will be forthcoming.

Details of the upcoming Chevy Showdown were discussed. Everyone regardless of their Show attendance is invited to the after-show barbecue at the Mills' home. President Lake suggested that the Club pick their favorite car at the Show and give an award. It does not have to be a Corvair but any Chevy at the show. President Lake will take care of getting an award made up.

April 19 the Club will make a yogurt run to a shop on Irvington and I-19 which is owned by Corvair people who have come to Tucson from California. Details to follow.

Treasurer's Report: Allen Elvick reported that the month of February started with \$2,154.56 in the coffers and ended with \$2,239.46.

A basic design for new Club T-shirts was selected by the Board of Directors and presented to the membership. Van Pershing will meet with the designer for a preliminary design.

Don Robinson gave the Merchandise report announcing that Corvair oil filters are available for \$6 each.

After a brief intermission the raffle was held. Winners were Chris Cunningham, Jan Lake, Rudy Cole, Javier Trejo (twice), Barry Cunningham, Lynn Bloom, Allen Elvick, and Dave Lynch. Prizes for next month's raffle will be provided by Jim Mills, Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, Dave Lynch, John Young, Frank Trejo, Rudy Cole, and Jan Lake.

Tech Session: Van Pershing showed picture of the Corvair Underground rear motor mount for late model cars. One picture showed the mount right after installation and a second picture show showed that the rubber had sagged almost a half inch 7 years after. The mount functions and performs well. He also shows some pictures of a motor mount being developed by fellow Corvair enthusiast Bob Palmer which uses a \$20 motor mount from a Chevy Cavalier as its replaceable core. Dave Lynch found some neat replacements for late model headlight anchors that can be installed from the front instead of having to remove the entire headlight assembly. He found them in the Help section at Auto Zone for a couple of buck apiece. He also showed us a handy window trim removal tool that he had purchased recently and a vinyl sample card from Clark's.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Submitted by Van Pershing

President's Message

The Chevy Showdown is upon us once again. It would be great to have a large turnout of Corvairs present. So get out the wax and chrome polish. Don't forget, the BBQ after the show at Jim and Terry Mills home. All are invited and you don't have to attend the show to participate in the BBQ. Bring your favorite dish and have some fun. I plan on seeing all of you there!

It was great to see the turnout of members at the last meeting. It's a good sign, let's keep it rolling.

See you all at the April 23rd meeting.

Mike



Early Model Glove Box Door Repair

Van Pershing

Almost all early model glove box doors suffer from a bent trim ring along the bottom edge. Fran Schmit authored an article in the Corvair Minnesota Newsletter in February 2012 that explained a permanent fix for the problem.

There is a tab cast into the outer trim piece of the door that serves as the place where the torsion spring that opens the door supports itself. After a few decades of use the rivet-like nubs that hold the trim ring to the door fail and the pressure of the spring eventually bends the bottom edge of the trim piece. One could straighten the ring and put in a couple of screws and let the tab continue to do the job, but it will probably end up bending again.

Fran's solution is to NOT use the tab at all. Instead a 2" length of 1/8" welding rod, or some other stiff wire, can be J-B welded in place and used to support the spring.

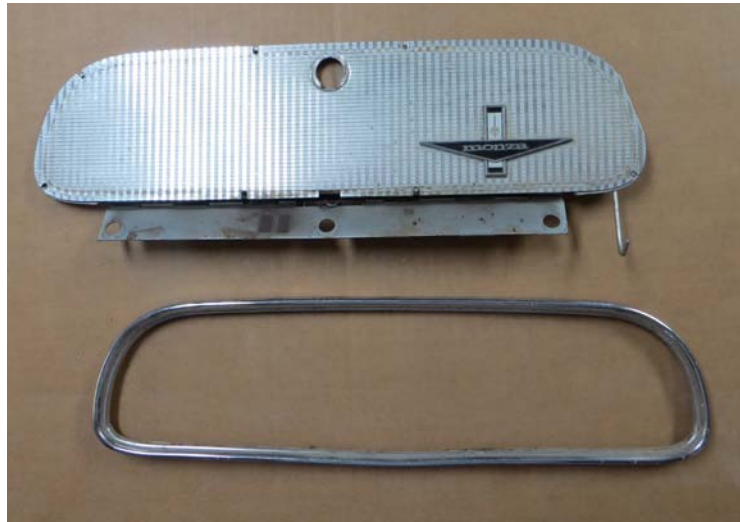
First, disassemble the door by carefully grinding off the rivet-like nubs that hold the trim piece in place. Then, the door hinge pin must be removed or at least pushed through far enough so the spring can be removed. The trim ring is then removed by grinding off the rivets. Note: they really aren't rivets but are cast-in nubs that are crimped in rivet-like fashion. The stiff wire can be glued in place on the door. After the epoxy has cured, the spring can be reinstalled with the spring arm that previously rested on the cast-in tab now resting on the stiff wire. The hinge pin can now be pushed back in place.

The trim piece can be straightened by carefully working it with a rubber mallet. Grind the cast-in nubs level with the rest of the casting of the ring and drill holes in their place suitable for #4 self-tapping screws. I used were 1/4" long screws and a little shorter would have been even better. A lot of care must be taken not to drill the holes clear through the trim piece. The two holes locations immediately adjacent to the spring are really thin. Be careful! Now place the door face into the trim ring and install the screws. Since there won't be any spring pressure whatsoever on the trim piece, the screws are just holding the weight of the trim piece on the door. One could just glue it in place if he wanted.

This repair method winds the spring a little bit tighter than stock and gives nice positive opening action.



The early model glove box doors almost always end up with a bent trim piece.



Remove the die-cast trim piece from the door by carefully grinding off the rivet-like nubs,



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A 2" piece of welding rod which will serve as a support for the spring is held in place with J-B Weld.

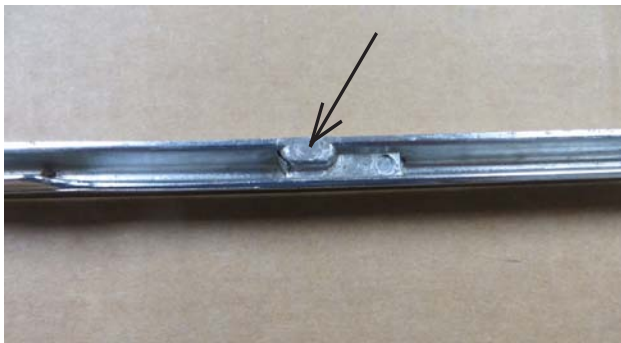
Early Model Glove Box Door Repair (continued)



The spring is reinstalled but with the tab resting on the newly added piece of 2" wire.



With the spring tab resting on the 2" wire, the support tab cast into the trim piece no longer sees any pressure from the spring.



With the rivet-like nubs removed, the trim piece can be carefully drilled to accept the #4 self-tapping screws.



Place the door onto the trim piece and install the screws.



The result is a glove box door that will last another 50 years only this time without a bent trim piece.



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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.

NEW MEETING PLACE:

Kettle Restaurant, 748 W Starr Pass (I-10 and 22nd), 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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