

Big Night at Little Anthony's Diner

On Saturday night, July 19, 2014, several members of the Tucson Corvair Association showed up at Little Anthony's Diner to witness the demise of our beloved Frank Trejo.

It all started innocently enough when Frank took a trip to San Diego. He lied to his wife, Gloria, telling her that he found a good deal on a motor and was going over to pick it up. He came home with a 1969 Monza convertible and hid it away so he could give it to her as a birthday/28th anniversary present at the Little Anthony's car show. Only the bravest of men would attempt such a stunt.

Most of the Club members were pretty sure there would be bloodshed on that warm Saturday evening in Tucson. But, as luck would have it Frank lives to see another day. Gloria seems a little shocked at first but then seemed to warm up to the idea that she was now the proud owner of a cool convertible.

In total there were 5 Corvairs at the show. Ron Bloom was there with his Greenbrier, Sam Pernu was there with his convertible, Frank Trejo brought Gloria's car as well as his '62 Monza couple, Van Pershing was there with his Stinger. Josh Dowlen had recently purchased a '72 Chevy C-20 pickup and just got the Buick 455 motor installed, so he brought it along for show-and-tell.

It was a great evening and we wish Gloria a very happy birthday and hope she enjoys her new ride as much as Frank enjoyed giving it to her.



Vicki Pershing stands by to step between Frank and Gloria as Frank break the news to her.



Well, maybe it isn't that bad after all!



As birthday presents go, this one isn't really all that bad!



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

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COSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the COSA Communique, a bi-monthly publication. COSA 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 2014 Events at a Glance

Aug 27, 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.

Sep 20, Sat

Nam Jam Car Show, Chuy's, 22nd and Kolb, 10am to 3pm. For more info: www.tucsonnamvets.org

Sep 27, Sat

Madera Canyon Picnic. Meet in the parking lot of the Home depot on Irvington and I-17 at 9am. To travel together to Madera Canyon.

Oct 4, Sat

4th Annual Corvair Anniversary Show. Thorobred Chevrolet, Chandler, Arizona. 9am-1pm

Oct 18, Sat

8th Annual Tucson Classics Car Show. 10am to 4pm. Register on line at www.RotaryTCCS.com. Deadline Oct 10.

Oct 24-26

The Toss. Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet. Palms Springs, CA

Dec 2014

Annual TCA Christmas Party. Details to follow.

Max and Nancy Peoples have been members of TCA for several years and seem to disappear back to Ohio when the temperatures reach to upper limits of tolerance. Since Ohio is really home, we have never had the chance to see their Corvair. Max has put it on the market and he sent us some pictures so we could enjoy the fruits of his labor.

For more information on the details of Max's sale, visit the For Sale link on www.corvairs.org. Maybe this car really belongs in Tucson!



-2- This beautiful mist blue Monza only has 27,000 original miles under its belt.

July Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held July 23, 2014 at Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting on July 23, 2014 at 7:10 PM was called to order by president Mike Lake. The usual suspects were in attendance. Mike Lake, Jan Lake, Ron Bloom, Sam Pernu, Allen Elvick, Frank and Javier Trejo, Frank's brother Gabriel from El Paso, Jim Mills, and Ken Farr fresh out of an ER visit. That's a dedicated member!!

Old Business: The outing to Little Anthony's Diner and car show was well attended. It was and especially fun event because of all the secret dealings and intrigue involved in Frank's presentation of a '69 convertible to his wife Gloria. There were some tense moments but it all ended well and Frank is mending well. I wish I had been there for the occasion.

Allen Elvick presented the treasurer's report. The month began with \$2211.94 and we finished the month with \$2264.94. Thankfully the treasurer's report was approved.

New Business: The August outing to Todd's at Ryan field for the omelet fest will be on Saturday August 9th. The plan is to meet at El Rio at 8:30am and leave for Todd's by 9:00 am as a group.

Ken indicated that he has had correspondence about the Viet Nam vets car show at Chuy's on 22nd St for September 20th. We will spend \$50 to sponsor trophies.

September 27th is the Madera canyon picnic. The plan is to meet at the Home Depot parking lot on Irvinigton Rd. at 9am and tour down the Madera together. Plan to get to the site about 10:30. Someone will check about the need for reservations.

Christmas party for December 6th at Cody's Beef and Beans to occur before Winterhaven opens. Maybe the parking will not be an issue at that date.

Discussed potential clinics for mid-month activities..Carb rebuilding, paint and Body.

Break for raffle...took in \$17.00. Winners were...I think... Allen Elvick, Jim Mills, Javier, and maybe Gabriel.

Submitted by Allen Elvick



The interior of Max's car is something to behold!

President's Message

Today I realized how small the Corvair world is. I decided to take my Corvair out for it's second shake down run. I got behind the wheel to back out of the driveway and then decided to grab my jumpier cables just encase it would not restart.

My first stop was the local Circle K for some premium gas. Wouldn't you know it, filled it up, then turned the key. Click, click, click was the sound I heard. So out came the jumpier cables and now I needed someone to jump me. A young lady at the next island offered to assist me, I took her up on that. As I was hooking up the cables we struck up a conversation. She mentioned that she has an Early model Corvair, so I started to tell her about the club when she said Allen was her Dad. Imaging that, Allen's daughter Donna was jump starting my Corvair. It is a small Corvair world. It is great to know that Corvair owners are always willing to help each other. Many thanks again to Donna, you saved the day.



Frank did survive after giving Gloria the '69 Corvair. If you listen to him talk now, he seems his voice seems to have a much higher pitch. I wonder what that's all about!

We are only two months away from picking a nominating committee, so give some thought as to whether or not you would like to participate in the selection process.

Don't forget the meeting is on Wednesday, August 24th, same time, same place.

See you at the meeting,

Mike



It's not very often you see a four-door Sports Sedan with a 140hp power plant coupled with a PowerGlide transmission.

The Streets of Tucson

One of the great things about living in the desert southwest is that the weather is nice enough that people drive their cars almost year round. On any given day you can see good old cars traveling the streets of Tucson.

The photos here are some examples of what can be seen on a regular basis most any time of the year. Most of the people that own these cars drive them regularly and very few of them have ever seen the inside of an enclosed trailer!



More of Little Anthtoney's



Ron Bloom brought his Greenbrier to the Show.

Another view of Gloria Trejo's '69 Convertible.



Sam Pernu's '65 Corsa convertible



Frank Trejo's '62 coupe.

Josh Dowlen just got his '72 pickup running a few days before the Show and was there showing off the 455 Buick engine that propels his new truck down the road.



A rare photo op: Three sports cars having lunch at Wendy's on Oracle. A 944 Porsche, a Yenko Stinger (replica) and a '62 Corvette. All local residents of Tucson.



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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:

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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