

## TCA at the Cactus Anniversary Show

This year's Corvair anniversary show was again sponsored by the Cactus Corvair Club and held at Thorobred Chevrolet in Chandler, Arizona. There were about 17 Corvairs in attendance with five cars from Tucson. Ron and Lynn Bloom made the trip in the Greenbrier, Bill Maynard's Lakewood made the trip without incident, Mike Lake's Turbo Corsa was there in fine form, and Gloria Trejo's '69 convertible made the trip with FJ behind the wheel - Gloria was nowhere to be seen. Sam Pernu also showed up Corvairless to lend his support.

There were three classes for trophies this time. A '60 to '64 car class, a '65 to '69 car class, and a forward control class. Since 1965 was the featured year at the show, there was also a trophy for the best '65. Bill Maynard won a 3rd place trophy in the '60 to '64 class, Van Pershing won the 1st place trophy in the '65 to '69 class, as well as the trophy for the best '65 at the show.



*This restoration by Van Pershing did well at the show. The car belongs to his daughter who lives in the Gilbert area.*



*Ron had the best looking Greenbrier at the show*



*Bill's Lakewood won the 3rd place trophy in the early model car class.*



*Mike Lake's turbo Corsa (left) was a beautiful addition to the show. When he gets the interior done it will be taking home a 1st place trophy. Gloria Trejo's green convertible (right) was the only 1969 car at the show.*



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## TCA 2014/15 Events at a Glance

Nov 19, 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.

Dec 6, Sat

#### Annual TCA Christmas Party.

6:30pm, Cody's Beef 'n Beans, 2708 E ft Lowell, Tucson. Bring some cans of food for the Community Food Band and a gift to exchange (limit \$20).

Jan 31, Sat

#### 21st Annual Collector's Car Show,

Tubac Golf Resort, Tubac, Arizona, 10am to 3pm. On line registration and info at [www.carnuts.org](http://www.carnuts.org)

Feb 28, Sat

#### Franklin Museum Tour & Picnic.

1405 E Kleindale, Tucson. Come enjoy a tour of the museum and enjoy air-cooled cars of a different era. More details to follow.

### Just For Fun...

A cowboy from Leavenworth KS walked into a bank in New York City and asked for the loan officer. He told the loan officer that he was going to Paris for an international rodeo for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000 and that he was not a depositor of the bank.

The bank officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so the cowboy handed over the keys to a new Ferrari. The car was parked on the street in front of the bank. The cowboy produced the title and everything checked out. The loan officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest.

Later, the bank's president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the cowboy from Kansas for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the Ferrari into the bank's private underground garage and parked it.

Two weeks later, the cowboy returned, repaid, the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.07. The loan officer said, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out on Dunn & Bradstreet and found that you are a highly sophisticated investor and multimillionaire with real estate and financial interests all over the world. Your investments include a large number of wind turbines around Leavenworth KS. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The good 'ole Kansas boy replied, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return?"



## October Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held October 22, 2014 at Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called order at 7:10pm by President Mike Lake. In attendance were Sam Pernu, Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, John and Amy Young, Bill Maynard and his guest Ilene, Frank and Gloria Trejo with son Javier, Allen Elvick, and Van Pershing.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

The Madera Canyon event was reviewed with many positive comment of the delicious use of kosher salt.

The Cactus Corvair Club show in Chandler was great with Bill Maynard and Van Pershing winning trophies. A plan for paying the Cactus Club back for their hospitality was discussed. Possibly a picnic and tour at the Franklin Museum courtesy of Bill Maynard.

The Sierra Vista show was mentioned but no one at the meeting attended or knew if Jim Mills made it for the event.

The Tucson Classics show was attended by just two Corvairs: Mike Lake's '65 and Ron Bloom with his Greenbrier.

The upcoming Christmas party will be December 6 at Cody's Beef 'n Beans. It was decided to decorate the tables with poinsettias. The subject of giving each gifts or doing something for charity was broached. It was decided to collect food for the community food bank and do white elephant gifts with a \$20 limit. There will also be a silent auction table with items donated by Club members. There was concern that many items in the past were sold for a fraction of their value so this year a reserve price will be placed on each item.

Van Pershing presented a possible T-shirt design to the group. Some called it "sweet" and others thought it was "cool". Everyone seemed to like and it was decided to get the artwork done up and present to the Club for final approval.

Activities for the coming months were scheduled. For November, the Club will attend a car show sponsored at the O'Reilly Auto Parts store on Silverbell just north of Speedway. For January, the annual Tubac car show on January 31 will be the Club mid-month activity. For February, the Franklin Museum picnic will be the activity on the 28th.

Treasurer's report: Allen Elvick reported that the balance in the Club treasury at the beginning of September was \$2,316.94 with closing balance for he month of \$2,126.48.

Van Pershing asked for suggestions for improving the newsletter. None was forthcoming from the members present.

After a break, the raffle was held with Javier Trejo winning 2 of the prizes and Bill Maynard winning the remaining prize. Next month's prizes will be donated by Allen Elvick, Sam Pernu, Frank Trejo and Mike Lake.

Tech Talk: Bill Maynard told of a rough idle condition in Bob Mouton's car that was solved by fixing the wires in the distributor that were too long and had bee chaffed by the rotor. He also told of a set of accelerator pump rubbers that had been softened and deformed by the use of gasoline additives. Ron Bloom had some miscellaneous decals that he gave away and passed around a very comprehensive report of batteries. Mike Lake described a problem he was having with the tail lights on

## President's Message

Thanksgiving is almost upon us. It's a time where we gather with friends and relatives to give thanks for all the wonderful experiences we have enjoyed in the past year and create memories that will last forever. This year, one of our club members, Ken Farr, is under going the toughest battle of his life. We need to keep Ken and Heidi in our thoughts and prayers and ask God to intervene as we sit down for our Thanksgiving meal. They need to know that we will support them in any way needed. Being an ex-marine, Ken, I know you have the will power to beat this. Stay positive and focused. And besides, there is a lot more stuff out there that needs powder coating :) We, as a club are all pulling for you. You are missed by us all. Get well, my Friend.



The Christmas party is Saturday, Dec 6. Please come and enjoy the Holiday celebration. It's good time to sit with friends and enjoy the evenings festivities. We will have another silent auction, so dig out those parts you don't need anymore. Make space in the garage for that next project. Don't forget to bring a food donation for the food bank.

Hope to see you there. Don't forget to offer your opinion on the new T-shirt design, your opinion matters.

Lastly, I would like to wish each and everyone of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and please keep Ken and Heidi in your prayers.

*Mike*

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## Meeting Minutes (continued)

his car and the general consensus was that the tail light housing were not grounded sufficiently. He also described the problems he had getting the wheels, both front and rear, aligned on his Corsa. Several good alignment shop suggestions were given.

John Young gave a brief report on Ken Farr's health. He is currently battling lung cancer. John asked that we keep Ken and Heidi in our thoughts and prayers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

*Submitted by Van Pershing*



# A Great Day at O'Reilly Auto Parts

The weather was absolutely gorgeous. Six Corvairs were in the mix of vehicles that showed up at the O'Reillys store on Silverbell and Speedway on Saturday, November 8, 2014. Over 35 vehicles were there for the fun including an all chrome low rider bicycle.

Jim Mills was there with his newly paint Chevrolet car hauler sporting his '63 convertible all loaded up and ready to go. Mike Lake brought his Turbo Corsa coupe. He had the new seats installed and it was looking great. Sam Pernu had his '65 Corsa convertible there, but a troubling oil leak plagued him all day long. Frank and Javier Trejo drove the most elegant '62 coupe to the event. Ron Bloom was there in his great looking Greenbrier which attracted a lot of attention at the show. Van brought his Stinger and was allowed to park with the rest of the Corvairs.

There were prizes given out for Best of Show and People's Choice but no Corvair took home any of the awards.



*From left to right, Sam Pernu, Ron Bloom, Frank Trejo, and President Mike Lake enjoy the nice weather and good conversation.*

*VP Jim Mills' rig (below) was a real hit. Frank Trejo's beautiful '62 coupe (right).*



*Ron Bloom's Greenbrier (above) attracted a lot of attention at the show. Sam Pernu's '65 Corsa convertible (left) was having a little leakage problem but was looking good for all the world to see.*



## More O'Reilly pictures



*Mike Lake's turbo Corsa was looking good. With new seats installed and sporting a new steering wheel, the car was a great addition to the Corvair stable at the show.*



*Above: Van Pershing's Stinger.*



*Right: Ron Bloom inspects a beautiful '36 Chevy that belongs to a new friend. He has several nice cars including a '53 Pontiac and a '56 T-bird that he brought to the show. He also owns a '63 Corvair convertible. He hung out with the Corvair crowd and might possibly be joining us.*

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## The Gold Standard of Automobiles?

In the November 2014 Motor Trend magazine there is an article entitled "The Best of Times" in which the magazine staff took the 10 hottest, best-handling, performance-first vehicles sold in America and rated as the Best Driver's Car. Included in the contest were Alfa Romeo 4C, BMW i8, BMW M4, Chevrolet Camaro, Ford Fiesta ST, Jaguar F-Type R coupe, Nissan GT-R Nismo, Porsche 911 Turbo S, Subaru STI, and Volkswagen GTI ranging in price from \$25k to \$190k. Interestingly enough, the Camaro was the top pick.

Here is one of the comments made by Jonny Lieberamn, Motor Trend Staff Features Editor makes about the 505hp Z/28: "The transformation of the fifth-generation Camaro from "muscle car that handles pretty well" to Best Driver's Car winner is astounding. Few other cars we can think of have made such an advance in a single generation. Perhaps the Corvair, but even by 1965 it wasn't anywhere this good."

Let's face it, the Corvair was way ahead of its time and proved to be a great in spite of all the bunglings the big corporate machine did to our little gem. Even today a short 50 years later, the late model Corvair is still the standard by which all other cars are measured, kind of.

VP



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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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