

## Omelet Run to Todd's

It was a nice warm August morning and the Corvairs were all lined up for the caravan to Ryan Field to partake of the omelet bar at Todd's Restaurant. There was a nice group of Corvairs including Mike Lake's first outing with his bright red turbo Corsa. Bill Maynard was driving his Lakewood, Ron Bloom came with his freshly repaired Greenbrier, Van and Vicki Pershing were there in the Stinger, Jim Mills couldn't leave home without his pickup, Bob Moulten showed up with his '65 4-door, and the Trejos were there in force with Gloria's new '69 convertible. Allen and Maryann Elvick were waiting for us at Ryan Field with their green convertible. Ken and Heidi Farr came but weren't in the mood for driving one of their Corvairs. Ed Segerstrom also joined us and, likewise, was Corvairless. Gloria's mom, Gloria, also came along riding shotgun in the convertible with the top rolled down.

Todd's puts on a great omelet bar on the second Saturday of each month. Lots of motorcycle folks showed up to enjoy the fare too. It was a very enjoyable time with good conversation and great friends.

*The group met in the parking lot at El Rio Golf Course and proceeded as a group to Ryan Field.*



*There were eight Corvairs in attendance. Here's a picture of seven of them. The Elvick's convertible was in a proper parking space and missed the group photo with other Corvairs. It was sooo lonely!*



*Everyone seemed to enjoy the omelets, the conversation and camaraderie.*

## Tucson Corvair Association



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CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communique, 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 2014 Events at a Glance

Sep 24, 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](http://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

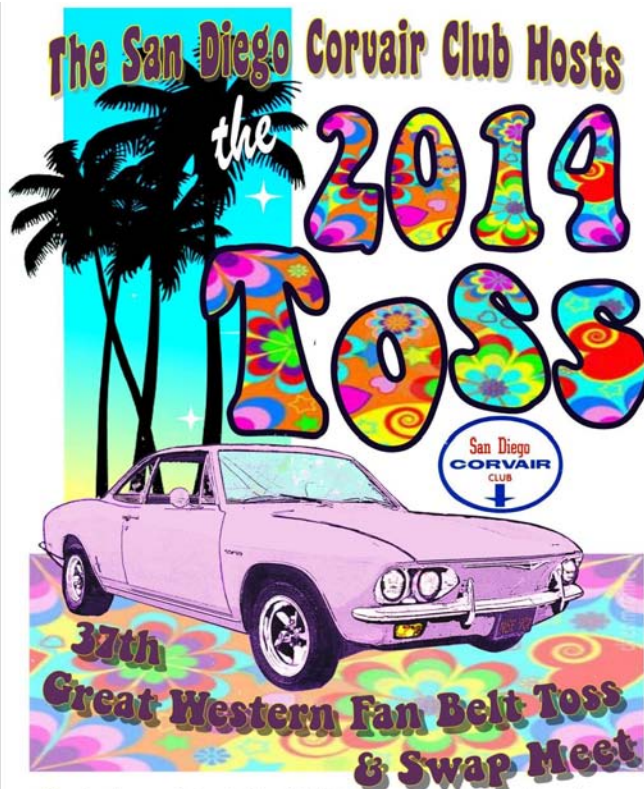
**8th Annual Tucson Classics Car Show.** 10am to 4pm. Register online at [www.RotaryTCCS.com](http://www.RotaryTCCS.com). Dealine: Oct 10.

Oct 24-26

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

Dec 2014

**Annual TCA Christmas Party.** Details to follow.



October 24-26, 2014

Palm Springs

## August Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held July 27, 2014 at Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

After supper in the restaurant, the meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. In attendance were Mike Lake, Don Robinson, John and Amy Young, Bill Maynard, Sam Pernu, Ron Bloom, Allen Elvick, Frank Trejo, and Van Pershing.

It was reported that the Todd's Omelet Run was a success. Some thought might be given to eating in the regular part of the restaurant for more selection.

A reminder that the upcoming Madera Canyon Picnic will be on September 26. The Club will provide the steaks and drinks.

Other activities taking place in our area: car show in Bisbee on August 30, Door Slammer event at the Tucson Raceway. Free entry for those who bring their car. Nam Jam on September 20. Corvair show in Chandler on October 4. The Fan Belt Toss in Palm Spring in October.

Van Pershing reported that we have received a couple of quotes for new Club T-shirts. A supplier will be selected and a design approved before placing an order. Suggestions were solicited for a design for the center of the circle that will be on the shirts.

Allen Elvick gave a report on the Club finances. The balance in the treasury on July 1 was \$2,264.94 with a month end balance of \$2,271.94. The report was unanimously approved by those present.

Van Pershing gave a report on the newsletter and website. He gave a brief history of the newsletter and how much technology has effected the *Corvairsation*.

Merchandise chairman Don Robinson had oil filter available for \$6 each.

Allen Elvick show some pictures of a 1960 4-door that is for sale. John Young is selling his 20' enclosed trailer and had pictures. Van Pershing went over several items on the website that are for sale.

The monthly raffle netted the Club \$15 with Don Robinson, Allen Elvick and Mike Lake taking home the prizes. Next month Don Robinson, Frank Trejo, Sam Pernu, John Young, and Mike Lake volunteered to bring the raffle prizes.

For the tech session, John Young asked how to change his stock alternator over to an alternator with an internal regulator. Several members chimed in with details. John also mentioned that he has a stand for holding the body shell of late model cars that is available for the taking. Mike Lake is having trouble with one of his rear wheel not holding the camber setting. A discussion yielded several things to look for to solve his problem. He also is having trouble with his new nylon pitman arm bushing being sloppy.

A call was made to help FJ Trejo put a late model front suspension on his early model. Several volunteered to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

*Submitted by Van Pershing*



Home-made body stand available from John Young. Give him a call at 520-404-8799.

## President's Message

Elsewhere in this issue it is mentioned that my Corvair was running a little rich. There was a purpose behind that. Let me explain:

Once again I had the opportunity to get Van's deck lid off of the Stinger. I knew the Stinger couldn't keep up with the Red Rocket; so Van would be behind me. I placed an igniter in my tailpipe with the idea of setting the rich exhaust fumes ablaze while Van was right behind me. This would force him to pull over with the Stinger on fire. I would run to his rescue with a fire extinguisher, which would be discharged in his face. This would blind him just long enough for me to remove his engine cover. When everything settles down, he would think that the engine cover melted in the fire and wouldn't be any wiser. It was a great plan, but I didn't plan on Vicki being there also. I couldn't do that to her. Van? Well that's another story!!!!



We are just a few weeks away from the weather getting cooler, thank God. With that being said, we have a number of car shows coming up in the next few months. It would be nice to have a large showing of Corvairs at each, especially the Cactus Corvair event as it celebrates the introduction of the *Late Model*.

I know it's only August, but we should give some thought to what charity we would like to give the Christmas toys to, instead of exchanging gifts this year.

Don't forget the meeting Wednesday the 24th

See ya there,

*Mike*

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## New Club T-shirts

We are currently in the process of choosing a supplier for a newly designed T-shirt for the Tucson Corvair Association to celebrate the Club's 40th anniversary. 2015 marks 40 years since those few brave souls founded the Club in 1975.

We have received some bids and will be getting an initial design for approval by the Board. Once the design is approved we will order the quantity and sizes we need.

If you are interested in T-shirts, please contact any member of the Board or send your request to [tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com](mailto:tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com). Just let us know the number and sizes you'd like so we'll be sure to order enough of the correct sizes. The estimated cost will be less than \$15 per shirt. We will send out a picture of the final design to your E-mail address, post it on the website, and display it at a club meeting before placing the order.

# It's Alive! It's Alive!

After many months of hard work, Mike Lake's turbo Corsa finally made its debut to its first TCA event. The beautiful bright red Corsa was in the parking lot of El Rio Golf Course ready for the 19-mile trek through Gates Pass to Ryan Field.

Mike led the way as seven Corvairs made their way to breakfast. The Corsa was running a little bit rich and probably posed a mid-level health hazard to the population of the Santa Cruz Valley but with a little more tweaking the turbo-charged beauty might meet proper air standards and not be quite so embarrassing to drive during daylight hours.



*One unique feature of the engine compartment is the presence of an oil cooler which is cooling the oil just before it enters the main bearing of the turbocharger.*



*Even though Mike has spent months on his project thus far, there is still a lot of work to be done. The wood grain (non-telescoping) steering wheel brings a nice look to the car's interior (above). The back seat has been removed and replaced with plywood which Mike has prepared for stereo speakers (left). Lots of sound proofing material has been applied throughout the interior of the car.*

# 1962 Devin C Roadster



This beautiful Devin C was recently offered on eBay. It did not sell to the high bid of \$18,600 because the reserve was not met.

It is powered by a 145 cid engine claiming 200 plus horsepower with Weber 44 carburetors. It was built by fellow CORSA member Tom Schrum.

It is the third Devin C Roadster produced. It was race prepped and built by Tom Schrum and Bill Devin who were best friends. With sub 4 second 0-60 MPH on the track, this car takes no prisoners.

Devin Cs were produced from 1959 to 1965 and cost about \$4,500 new. With an 82" wheelbase, the car weighed in at about 1400 pounds.





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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.

This newsletter can also be accessed at [www.corvairs.org](http://www.corvairs.org)



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