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The Franklin Museum picnic/tour was fantastic. Thanks to our hosts Bourke Runton and Bill Maynard we were able to host several members from the Cactus Corvair Club and our local club. We had several corvairs and they all behaved well without EPA involvement. There were no breakdown stories, that I heard about, although we haven't caught up with our fellow Corvair enthusiast from the Cactus Club. Mike and I did most of the cooking whilst everyone else did most of the eating. Don't be fooled, Mike and I caught up and I think we even past some. We missed several of our members, sightings of Dave Lynch were rumored. We were about ready to test drive some of the Franklin's but Bill got wind of it and locked them all up. Better luck next time!



Left to right in descending order:
 -The boys listening to Bill Maynard's words of wisdom.
 -Gloria (aka member at large) and Cathy from Cactus Corvair in front of Miner's Rampy
 -Front area of room 1 of 3 of the Franklin Museum
 -Example of an air cooled Franklin motor, (Mike wants to put this in his next project)
 -View of parking area over Walt's Vert
 -Lynn, Gloria and Eileen
 -View of parking are over Gloria's Vert





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TCA 2015 Events at a Glance

Apr 18, Sat

Annual Lost Dutchman Picnic
10am-3pm bring a side dish and drink. Hosted by the Cactus Corvair Club

Apr 18, Sat

Torquefest 2015
8am-5pm Held in the Pima Air Museum. Please call Tim to pre-register, 520-444-5469

Apr 22, Wed

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

Apr 25, Sat

30th Annual Chevy Showdown. 9am to 4pm. Home Depot Plaza, Oracle and Limberlost, Tucson, Arizona. Sponsored by Classic

May 16, Sat

Titan Missile Museum
This is likely to be a meet a Certain location and drive. Call Mike Lake for details

May 29-31

2015 Tri-State Rally
Friday May 29 to Sunday May 31

Oct 23-25

Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet
October 23-25, 2015
Palm Springs, California



Mike, Frank and Thomas trekked up to the all car swamp meet in Phoenix, the end of March. We found one definite Corvair item. Next one Nov. 28&29 at the Arizona State Fairgrounds in Phoenix..time for a cruise?????

March Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held March 22, 2015 at Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

President Lake called the meeting to order at 7:0pm. In attendance were Mike Lake, Sam Pernu, Ron Bloom, John & Amy Young, Dave and little Dave Lynch, Allen Elvick, Jan Lake, Frank and Gloria Trejo, Javier Trejo, FJ Trejo, Bill and Ailene, Don G, Rod Fraser, and Bob Traylor, Van, Jan.

Old Business

Franklin Museum Picnic was fantastic. Good Turnout from local club members and Cactus Corvair Club members. 16 Corvairs came to the party.

Minutes from prior meeting approved.

Mike will be attending Torque fest at the Pima Air Museum. Ron will be heading to the Lost Dutchmen's Picnic hosted by the Cactus Corvair Club. Both 18 April .

April 25th Parking attendants for the Chevy Showdown needed at 0730. After the show our club will be hosting a picnic at Christopher Columbus Park. See flyer

Recap of upcoming events Titan Missile Museum 16 May is a soft go. Mt. Lemmon picnic in June. Little Anthony's Car Show in July-we want to setup being host club. Gas lamp theater in August. Club Cruise's were discussed.

Allen with Treasurer's report.

Fan Belt toss game in a \$1 per try and highest score gets 50% of the pot and the other 50% goes to the club.

Gift drawing winners were Allen, Bob Traylor, Mike, Thomas x 2.

Raffle gifts to be brought by Jan, Sam, Mike, Frank, Gloria.

Tech Session:

Van modified his AM radio to be able to play MP3 and now has the newest hits with the retro sounds.

Bill was helped by Bob Mulder to get his 66 Coupe's power-glide going

Bob Traylor has replaced his synthetic with 30wt and slowed down the leaks.

Mike was talking about his boost line routing

Ron found NADA pricing for the Corsa at 24,750. Greenbrier at 33700.

Dave Lynch has become a master window adjuster on his LM.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Frank

Common "CORVAIR" Sense

Recently Van, helped Jody Reeme of the Chicago area buy a '64 Spyder that a fellow here in Tucson was selling. She had the car



shipped home and when it came to choosing a license plate, her son suggested "8 LEGS", DAH, because a spider has 8 legs, Mom.

President's Message

We will be having a BBQ after the Chevy Showdown on April 25th. It will be held at the Christopher Columbus park on Silverbell Rd just north of the Animal Control center at Ramada #7. It starts at 4:30. The club will provide steaks and drinks. I would request that you bring a side dish to share as we have invited the Classic Chevy Club to join us. You do not need to participate in the car show to attend the BBQ. So come on out and join us for an evening of good food and conversation. I will need help in pulling this BBQ off as my work schedule is becoming quite hectic at this time. So let me know if you can help in some capacity.



Frank and I had a conversation with Bill. He has graciously offered to have clinics at his shop. I will provide you with a timeline as soon as we put one together. If you have any subjects that you would like a clinic on, please see Bill, Frank or myself and we will get it in motion.

We have been gathering Corvair parts for the Palm Springs swap meet, let us know if you would like to donate anything. All proceeds go to the club.

Don't forget the meeting is on Wed the 22nd and the Classic Chevy Show is the following Saturday, the 25th. Let's have a huge turn out for both. See ya there!

Mike

Member Needs

Mike Lake is looking for a Lakewood. Please call 520*979-*310

Van is looking for a 66-69 transmission, vpersh@yahoo.com
Frank still has the 66 convertible project 110 manual. For sale. \$2300. Call him for pictures 480*459*6308

CLUB CAR SOLD

Thanks to Allen and for there several year babysitting of the club 1960 4 door sedan. The car was sold last month and the club recouped their investment. So long early sedan, I am afraid you won't be missed. Ok, you will be missed a little.:/)

Thanks

To Ron Bloom and Bill Maynard for donating a 64 convertible and 60 sedan for parts harvesting and metal scraping for the club fund. THANKS GENTS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Member Minute

What is your name and nicknames? **Just Van**

How old are you? **In Corvair years? I have been a Corvair owner since 1966.**

What is your favorite song while driving your vair? **Anything bluegrass.**

Do you prefer early or late model corvairs ? **I like all Corvairs, but I prefer late models mostly because of the suspension and handling improvements.**

What cars have you owned? My first Corvair was a 1960 4-door. From there I had a '63 Spyder, then my current car: the '65 Corsa coupe which has evolved into the Yenko Stinger clone, a '63 Greenbrier, a '62 Monza coupe, a '61 Lakewood, a '65 Monza 4-door, and a '65 Corsa convertible. I recently restored a '65 turbo Corsa convertible and a '62 Monza wagon that are now living with two of my daughters.

If you could own any car what would it be and why? **I've always wanted a Corvette, maybe a '70 or '71. But I suppose if money were no object, I'd go for a new Cadillac CTS-V: manual transmission, of course.**

Describe your best Corvair memory or experience. **Wow, there have been many. One of the best was when we lived in Denver. Rocky Mountain CORSA had an ice race high in the Rockies on a frozen lake. We ran an autocross course. It was something quite different from a regular autocross and much more exciting.**

Describe your worst Corvair memory or experience. **My worst Corvair memories occurred while lying on my back laying under the car.**

How long have you been working with Corvairs and what makes them so appealing to you? **Since 1966 I've been messing with Corvairs. What makes them appealing to me? Corvairs have been the hated underdog almost since the day they rolled off the showroom floor. They have always handled better than almost any other car of their era and they would hold their own in the speed department with almost everything but the muscle cars of the day. Besides, everyone loves an underdog....at least I do.**

How long have you been in the Tucson Corvair club? **I joined TCA in 1981.**

Any additional remarks? **I have had my white car in one form or another since 1970 and have used it as my daily driver for all these years. It's the only car I've owned that I haven't grown tired of driving after a while. Once in a while I would park it for a few weeks and use one of my other vehicles for a while. But I would get back in it and think I'd died and gone to heaven.**

To the right are Van's toys. His 65 Chevy Truck and Stinger. Recent picture of Van at the Christmas party, receiving recognition for all he does for the club. Pictures of Van are hard to find. He is normally taking them. Thanks for all you do! Good Luck in your future mission. Aquí te' esperamos!



Tale from the RON.....

The 110 engine in my 62 GreenBrier had a stripped number 4 park plug hole. PO(prior owner) had installed a 14 mm X 01.25 bushing, it was not tight but snug so i left well enough alone. For four years it was fine, then this past Sat night, on my way home, i heard a bang and then that frightening noise when you begin to realize that the spark plug is no longer in the hole where it belongs. Sunday I took a look and saw no threads left to work with. OK, simple deal , find a helix coil one size bigger problem solved, Right? Wrong! Not happening , everyone I spoke with kept saying just replace the head. So I was about ready to do that when by chance I went to O'Riellys to buy some oil and I met Lee who is in the commercial division. I explained to him my situation.. He thought for a moment and said not much difference between a VW and a corvair eng. Well I said they are sort of the same. He went up front and came back with a Autolite 25, 18 mm spark plug. He measured it out and said the difference between the sleeve of 1.025 and the OD on the Ford plug that runs in a 65 Fairlane that has the same heat range, is 42 thousand's bigger. Lee said tap the hole to same thread of the plug and you are in business. So with high hopes I begin to cut threads and sure enough there was enough metal there to have good solid threads. So there is at least two chances to repair the plug hole with out pulling the head. So my Greenbrier is back on the road and all is good and hats off to Lee at O 'Riellys for saving the day!!!

By Ron Bloom

Welcome El Corvino

I had just registered El Corvino. I had driven it illegally around the neighborhood, but now it was time for a legal maiden voyage to the local Ace. Drove there like a champ...items bought and key in ...crank...crank...crank... crank...crank... NO START! Several folks stop by to admire it. I was told It was a 20ft car..currently I think it is a 30 to 40 footer..to avoid eye sores. A guy name "Fish" pulls in next to me as I am checking for loose wires and had just sprayed the carbs with brake cleaner to see if it will start and tell me if it is a fuel delivery problem. He admires the car, goes in the store, buys his stuff and returns. He then helps me check for spark...none. He pulls out his voltmeter...no juice at the coil...I go into Ace to get some wire and alligator clips to hot wire and get it home. He checks Petronix-no juice..battery-no juice...his meter was bad. I go into Ace and get one. Battery-juice, Petronix..juice, Coil..reading low. He cuts the Spyder dash tachometer wire going to the coil...VROOM-VROOM. Just then TCC prez-Mike shows up-just in time to pose with El Corvino. Fish was working on HVAC the next day and would have used his non working volt meter to verify power off. I give him the new one I bought and thanked him. By Frank Trejo



The Tucson Corvair Association
after
the Chevy Showdown BBQ



- Location: Christopher Columbus Park
- just north of the Animal Control Shelter on Silverbell Rd
- 4:30 TO 10:30, Ramada #7
- Food and drink will be provided by the Tucson Corvair Association
- Please join us in celebration of Chevrolet's best two decades of
- Automotive design.



See the website for a message from Truxton Az, NorthEast of Kingman, Route 66 . This is where there will be a gathering May 1-3 of Corvairs and Corvair people.



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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



Mike, Bill, Thomas and Frank (taking the picture) of the 64' convertible Ron donated for "pieces parts" and club funding of whatever can be sold. We have plans of taking the harvested parts to the Belt Toss in Palm Springs. Below FJ and Thomas help load the 60 onto the trailer



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