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NEWS FLASH Tucson Corvair Association takes over Little Anthony's

Late July, in Arizona on a Saturday....sounds HOT! Well the Tucson Corvair Association, as the host club on the 25th of July, "AIR COOLED" it down and resulting in fantastic weather. Several of our members came out, 13 to be exact. Unfortunately not all their cars made it. Mike Lake's- red rocket, Ron Bloom's Greenbier (that's not green), Gloria's 69 convertible, Frank's 62 Corvy and Dave Lynch's 67 blue coupe were in attendance. The night was complete when our very own President won "Best of Show" with his red rocket.





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TCA 2015 Events at a Glance

August 15th

Breakfast at Ryan Field meeting at 830 @ El Rio Golf Course and then trekking thru.

Sept. 12th

Annie's Orchard in Wilcox.
Meet at I-10 and SR 83-Sonoita Hwy. At 8:30

Sept. 19th

Wild West Car Show at Old Tucson Studios

Sept. 26th

Car-Con @ Tucson Expo Center Sat 10-8 and Sunday 10-6

Oct 23-25th

Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet
October 23-25, 2015
Palm Springs, California
Good time to buy from Clark's and get a discount.

Nov 28-29th

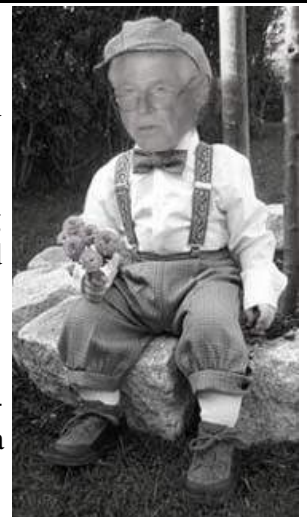
Pomona Swap Meet in Phoenix @ Arizona State Fairgrounds.
Corvair Cruise???

Dec 9th

TCA Christmas party Golden Corral 22nd/Alvernon.

Who is this?

This member has many nicknames. He fought and tamed a blue Lakewood wagon that was being very unruly. He has been known to be flirting with a 66 A/C late model and is rumored to have magic beans that he has planted in his backyard and are now sprouting up all types of Corvairs. He was a CORSA nova at the age of "3".



New emission rules into effect for collectible cars after April 30, 2015. This applies to cars that are at least 15 years old but newer than 1966. Cars 1966 or older were already exempt from emissions. To Qualify for the new emissions exemption, the vehicle must be insured by a collector car insurance which typically limits the mileage on the vehicle each year and ensures the it will not be driven full time.

March Meeting Minutes

Mike Lake, Allen , Ron bloom, Bill Maynard, Aileen , FJ, Julio, Javier, Jan, John & Amy, Gloria, Frank,

Old business- Christmas Party will be at the Golden Corral on 22nd between Alvernon and Swan. This will be on the 9th of December.

New Business- Ask for birthdays of members.

Little Anthony's no later than 4:30 parked and in place Annie's Orchard Sept. 12 th in Wilcox. Meet at 830 on I-10 and SR 83. They are having Burgers, fruit and chili picking.

Old Tucson Car show , this gets the driver and a guest into old Tucson

Car-con at the TCC. They will have tables and booths for rent. Also famous cars.

Try to get Car appraisal and insurance lectures together for fall. Will publish dates to maximize participation.

Work on Facebook link to TCA

Bill & Allen won in the drawings. Gifts from Allen, Jan, Gloria and Mike for next visit.

Sam is doing well and headed back soon. We need to get his car to Last Chance Garage.

Tech session:

Bill showed a very badly deteriorated piston and spoke about the potential "ping" sound it makes. If so retard timing until noise goes away to get you home and fix ASAP.

Frank showed pictures of his broken retainer ring/case on FJ's transmission. It occurred when transmission was bolted to differential. Transmission retaining ring was keyed incorrect. Check transmission for correct key before mating.

August 9th Space Wars at 3 PM at the Gas light theater.

Community Wants

David Werth 648-2165, davidquailcreek@cox.net is looking for a car. He does not want to restore it. It should be a driver and color does not matter. His only requirement is that it have an automatic transmission. It must be in good shape, the cleaner the better. Two door preferable and no preference on coupe or convertible.

Holly is wondering if anyone in the club would be able to feature their cars in Mountain View High School's homecoming parade on October 30. Every year, our students run for royalty positions, and the winners take place in our parade. But in order to do so, our royalty winners need vehicles to sit in during the event. She can be contacted at email address hollyfaith08@gmail.com

President's Message

With cooler weather fast approaching, it's getting time to get back to work on our project cars. Ron's 66 convertible is ready for paint and reassembly, Bill's 66 coupe is just about done, FJ's 62 just lacks an interior and it will be done, Rod's 67 coupe is getting an engine rebuild and a fresh coat of paint, Sam's 65 convertible will under go an engine and suspension rebuild with new paint and rims and tires, Frank's El Corvino will be restored from the ground up, Bob's Van and now 63 coupe are in the works and lastly I will be starting on my two door Lakewood project (Cormad). It is great to see this much activity taking place. Pretty soon, there will be some new shinny rides to show off.

As car enthusiasts, we must be concerned with our role in keeping the environment safe for future generations to come. With that being said, I am glad to announce that the EPA has discovered the biggest source of Methane gas pollution and has taken steps to keep the masses safe. (see pic). Although the EPA screwed up just recently in Colorado, they have redeemed themselves by putting the Green Dryer in quarantine.



I'm looking forward to the Sept. run to Wilcox. This should be a fun day for all.

So plan on coming along and exercising that Corvair. See you all at the next meeting,
Mike

[You can take Van out of his Corsa, but you can't take the Corsa out of Van.....](#)

Gm assembles many different cars in their assembly plant in here in Port Elizabeth, including Chevrolet and Opel. Lots of Chevys and Opels can be seen on the highways and byways of South Africa



including several models of the Opel Corsa. It comes in a 2-door, a 4-door, a 5-door and a bakkie (we call them pickup trucks). They have a turbocharged models that come with a huge 1.0 liter, 3-cylinder power plant. The bakkie has the big 1.4 liter naturally aspirated engine. Head snapping performance, to say the least.

Member Minute

What is your name? Allen Elvick **Nicknames?** Al, Alley OOP, or Noogin

How old are you? Are you kidding??? 73 on July 4th

What is your favorite song while driving your Corvair?

“Help me get my Corvair home” in E minor. Not really....All My Ex’s Live In Texas by George Strait.

If you could own any car, what would it be and why?

A 32 ford roadster or Tbucket street rod. I just loved those cars but could never afford to have one.

Describe your best Corvair memory or experience.

Most of our Christmas parties.....Usually good food, lots of laughs, and good conversation.

Describe your worst Corvair memory or experience.

I would say probably mid-1998. Club participation seemed at a low. I was the president and treasurer. For some reason we couldn’t fill all of the offices. We had some good seminars at the meetings. Dave Baker on Petronix install, Cecil Alex on carbs, Warren Anderson presentation old highway 80, and George Bangert from Georges Transmissions. We had a monthly outing to Old Tucson planned. The day came and we were to meet at the South Forty at Kinney and Bopp. Larry Dandridge and I met there and waited for an hour. No one else showed so we decided to give it up and go home. I was about to throw in the towel but here we are all those years later.

How long have you been working with Corvairs and what makes them so appealing to you?

I started working on Corvairs by accident in 1985. My daughter was learning to drive and needed a car that I could afford. A person at work was talking about her husband wanting to sell a Corvair that he had sitting out by his research lab that he was no longer driving and someone had opened a gate into the side and dented to door. That’s how the journey began. I started learning everything I could, including Ralph Nader’s book “Unsafe at Any Speed”. Interesting technology...and I always like the underdog.

How long have you been in the Tucson Corvair Association?

I guess for about 30 years. I joined so I could learn from the experts, and I have...but not enough yet.

Any additional remarks?

I can say that I have enjoyed the people over these many years. I think the addition of the Trejo family has given the club a new lift of enthusiasm and vibe.



BELT PULLEY BOLT MODIFICATION

I hate to adjust or even think of tightening my belt tensioner. In some models, it is not a big deal but in El Corvino or the Gloria's 69 convertible with the smog...ouch. So I could have bought a spring loaded belt tensioner but that's very painful to my wallet. So I searched out for another answer and I found one on the 2007 Minnesota Corvair Association's "Leeky Seel". There Fran wrote an article on how to extend out those two bolts on the Delcotron adapter for less than \$10 bucks and elbow grease. Ingredients include: one 6 inch 3/8"-16 stud and two nuts, 3/8" water pipe, the existing washer on the adjusting bolt on the adapter.

Cut the stud into 3 and 1/4" for the bolt closest to the engine and use the remaining pieces for the rear most bolt. From the water pipe cut a 1 and 1/4" and 7/8" piece. I then used JB weld to mate the 1 and 1/4" pipe to the large factory washer for the adjusting end of the pulley. In the original article it was welded (I don't weld-yet). I then painted both black.

I removed the adjustable bolt from the pulley section on the D/A. I used the trick Mike reminded me off, using two nuts and tightening them up against each other. It then came off easy-peasy and it was replaced with the 3 and 1/4". I then had to undo the distributor and lift it up (I went ahead and set to TDC with verifying the coil was pointing to #1) then the 2 and 3/4 stud went into the other bolt hole. I placed the belt guard then the pulley on then the painted pieces. I secured the distributor. Those adjustable nuts are now very accessible and I am hoping will do just fine. This is on FJ's engine and waiting to go back in after transmission rework.



TCA invades Page, Az for a Corvair pickup

Saturday morning, 4:45 to be exact. I head out the door for Bill Maynard's place to pickup the trailer that we will tow up to Page, Az. We will be followed by Mike Lake and Bob Moulton, with another trailer. We will be meeting a 1961 Lakewood and a 63 Coupe that Greg has sold to us. But even before leaving Tucson the fun begins. First we find that my trailer night lights are inop and that the blinker wires are opposite from my truck blinkers. Then I get a call that the other trailer is missing! Plan B, Mike will be picking up Ron Bloom's car dolly. We head out, only 1 hour behind schedule (not too bad). About half-way to Phoenix, my trailer has a tire that loses its tread. We pull into the rest area and replace the tire. The remainder of the trip includes an interstate change from I-10 to I-19 and other than stop and go traffic, we make it up to Flagstaff and Discount tire. I buy a new trailer tire and while we are waiting we head off for lunch. We then take State Route 89 up to Page. We hit some typical Arizona Monsoon weather-Rain like a carwash-nothing-then more rain and lightning/thunder. We get to Greg's house where the real fun begins. Greg had loaded the Lakewood on his trailer so we could do a trailer to trailer swap. Since we didn't have the other trailer and only had 4 lug spare tires and the '63 coupe was converted to 5 lugs, we had to put on better tires on the front of the wagon and also the front bearings needed a little tightening. We then loaded the wagon on the car dolly, after Bob had rewired it so we could drive at night-legally. Next was the coupe, we lined it up, Greg winched it up and we tied it down. We had a field trip of Greg's FORD(yuk)backyard and his lone Corvair(yan) that remained from his Father's hayday as the Flagstaff Corvair mechanic. We followed Greg to his shed where Mike picked up some 140 heads and a couple of other pieces. Off to the races we went. It was only a couple of miles before Mike is calling me telling me he could only go 50-55mph before the wagon on the dolly was very unstable. For the next several hours we crawled from Page to Flagstaff at 55mph going in and out of rainstorms. When we drove into Flag, went headed to the mall and downloaded the wagon, put on decent tires on the rear and then (just like an olympic bobsled team) We synchronized our pushing efforts and pushed the wagon right over the dolly and almost into Mike's truck. WOW! I maneuvered my truck around, Bill tied my trailer to the wagon bumper and I tried to gently to pull it back...no go! Bumper was ready to give. All of a sudden Bill, Bob and I were overcome with strength and decided to lift up the wagon and push it back on the dolly. We tied it up and then proceeded to travel 70+mph.....We made it..uneventfully the remainder of the way. Great trip, the next one.





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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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Rumor is.... VP Sam is back from the farm lands.....



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