

Picture this: Stop light. Two Late model vairs gunning their engines. One a turbo in resale red, the other a Stinger with it's 140, both just as mean. The light turns green and the showdown I was describing did not take place.



Instead we met at Oracle and River ready to travel up to Florence. Mike with the Red Rocket, Ron with Greenbrier, Van with his Stinger, Bob with his Blue sedan, Sam drove up in Gloria's 69 green convertible and Frank and FJ with Corvy. What a great day for a drive and car show. We arrived promptly, late, but at the start of the show joined forces with the Cactus Corvair folks to be 16 Corvair's Strong. We had Rampy's, early and late coupes, sedans, convertibles and a Greenbrier and a Lakewood. Chevrolet's outnumbered all the other makes. Thank goodness it was an uneventful drive up.



The Caliente Car Show hosts were fantastic. It was in support of a great cause the Pinal County Foster homes. Food was good and the "free" price was the best. THE DRIVE BACK ...that was the fun part! Van left first but we caught up after we realized he had left his lounging chair, apparently it is molded to his posterior aspect. Then he and red rocket driver Mike, zoomed away. Ron, Lynn, Sam, FJ and I brought up the rear. Miles later, off in the distance, and as we drove closer...Red Rocket with front lid up?!? After some coaxing what I believe was Mike whispering "sweet nothings" into the red rocket, we trekked on! Thankfully, smooth sailing from that point on.





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TCA 2015 Events at a Glance

Mar 14, Sat

Franklin Museum Tour & Picnic. 10:30am at 1405 E Kleindale, Tucson. Tour of the museum and burgers n dogs. Please bring a side dish. Please RSVP to the Tucson Corvair Club

Mar 25, Wed

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

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 25, Sat

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

May 29-31

2015 Tri-State Rally Friday May 29 to Sunday May 31 Durango, Colorado



Getting ready to move a '64 Convertible from the side of Ron's house. He is making room for a new one and donating it.

February Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held February 25, 2014 at Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

Cool TCA Stickers President Lake had some window stickers made that would look really great on any window in any Corvair. See Mike for details.

President Lake called the meeting to order at 7:20pm. In attendance were Mike Lake, Sam Pernu, Ron Bloom, Jim Mills, Allen Elvick, Jan Lake, Frank and Gloria Trejo, Javier Trejo, FJ Trejo, Bill Maynard and Ailene, Don G, Rod Fraser, and Bob and Carol Traylor, Van.

Tubac Show on January 31-rain out for all known Corvairs, February 21 Caliente Car Show in Florence-16 Corvairs from Cactus Corvair and Tucson Corvair Clubs

Upcoming events: Franklin Museum picnic on March 14th showtime for setup is 930, and the Chevy Showdown on April 25.

Sam, Gloria, Frank and Bill volunteered to assist with Showdown parking. Jim, Frank Juding. Need 2 more judges. Looking for alternate after show picnic site, Jim is not able to host.

Door Slammers club is sponsoring a huge car show at the Pima Air Museum on April 18. The Cactus club is also having their annual Lost Dutchman's picnic on April 18.

Board meeting set for 6pm March 25th. TCA officers for 2015; Mike Lake president; Sam Pernu, vice president; Frank and FJ Trejo, recording secretary; Allen Elvick, treasurer; Bill Maynard, librarian; Frank Trejo and FJ Trejo, Corvairsation editor; Van Pershing, webmaster; Ron Bloom, Membership chairman. Gloria Trejo Member at large.

After a brief intermission the raffle was held with Rod, Allen, Gloria, Jan, Bill, Jim winning prizes.

Several tech issues were discussed including Rod's LM being refreshed by Bill found to have riveted fly wheel. Bob having synthetic leaking oil from heads, he is using synthetic. Most club members run 30wt non synthetic. Ron and Mike working on (new member) Walts LM found #5 holding air but no compression. Found Rocker arm broken on intake valve.

Meeting was adjourned. Submitted by Frank Trejo



President's Message

Back in the December issue of the Corvairsation there was two versions of how I ran out of gas in the Red Rocket. I asked at the Christmas party which version everyone thought was true. Well the truth is in the pictures below. They clearly show the Red Rocket preparing to tow the Green Dryer to speeds it has never seen before and to get it back home safely.

This Saturday we have the BBQ and Franklin Museum tour starting at 10:30. This should be a real good time. Many of the Cactus Corvair Club members will be joining us, so lets be there and enjoy some great camaraderie. And besides, we get to watch Bill at work. Don't forget to bring a side dish, everything else will be provided by the club.

On April 25th the Classic Chevy show will be taking place at the Home Depot location at Oracle and Limberlost. We still need 2 more judges to help out at the show. The Classic Chevy club is counting on us, so please volunteer. Also get those cars shined up and ready to go.

Board members don't forget that we have a board meeting this month at 6:00.

See you all at the Franklin Museum

Mike



The Saga continues....
The line of truth vs myth continues.....
What is really going on with the so called "Red Rocket" and the Beloved Greenbrier aka "Green Drier".....
Stay tuned as we hear more about this wild

wild, wild, wild, wild West story. It may come down to a good ole shootout, hoe-down, poker hand, race for pinks or maybe even then dreaded Corvair belt toss.



John Torpey's '66 140-powered '66 convertible. Former TCA members John and Amy moved to Seattle but have rejoined!

Weber Two-Barrels for John's 140 Convertible

John and Amy Torpey were members of TCA several years ago, but John's work took them to the Seattle area. Recently, John started a project that would add a pair of Weber Two-barrel carburetors to replace the 4 single barrel HVs on his Corsa convertible.

John first fabricated a plenum/adapter that will bolt to carb mounting flanges on the heads. The Webers will mount to the topside of the plenum.

At the moment, John has not completed the project but as soon as he's finished, we will do a follow-up article letting you know more details such as linkage, chokes, fuel lines, and most of all, performance.

Even though John is not moving back to Tucson any time soon, he has rejoined TCA. It seems as though once you have been a part of the Greatest Show on Earth it's hard to stay away!



The photo above shows the basic plenum before final welding. Below, is the plenum with one of the Weber carburetors setting in place.



In the photo to the right, John has placed risers on the bottom side of the finish-welded plenum with carburetor base gaskets set in place to show what the final mounting layout will be.



NEEDS

Tucson Corvair Club needs to see its 1960 sedan. The rear passenger door is damaged. Glass is bad. It appears to be a fairly solid and complete powerglide. Bill of Sale. Asking 175.00

Frank Trejo is looking to sell his 66 Monza Convertible project. Body is solid in primer, 110 with 4 speed. Asking 2200.00

Jim Renz selling his '65 Maroon Monza convertible. 260-750-3796, jflrenz@gmail.com



Member Minute

Los Calientes Car Show in Florence.

Bill NMI Maynard

Particulars: 76 years old....Long Term Tucsonian born somewhere in the USA

Also known as: Rule#1, Corsanova(not cause he was a Nova fan—more so Casanova)

Experience: worked on Corvairs since the day they hit the showroom and he continues.....

Best Memory with a Corvair was his trip to Alaska where he was turning heads and heating up the north with his hot ride. His Lakewood took him everywhere including a Glacier where the line was held up by the clerk when he couldn't believe that he was seeing a "Corvair" in Alaska headed toward the glacier.

Worst Memory with a Corvair is the current status of his '66 Coupe with powerglide issues making it a great yard ornament.

Has owned and maintained the following cars:

Model A, 56 Ford, 31 Dodge, 66 Monza, 63 convertible, 62 rampside, 97 acura, 60-76 Mercedes, 61 corvair station wagon.

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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 traditionally starting at 7:00pm.

The November meeting is traditionally 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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John Torpey's convertible in a photo shoot that included a former Miss Washington