

It started early Saturday Morning with the awful-ly wonderful weather we get in Tucson, Az. Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, Sam Pernu, Allen Elvick met at the Triple T but on the way to I-10 and Highway 83 only Mike's Red Rocket and Ron's Greenbrier showed up. Not even half way to Apple Annie's and we already lost two



members. Bill and Eileen, like all famous couples they are also know as Bi-Leen, with the Blue Lakewood and the Trejo's(Frank and Thomas) with Corvy were waiting at the I-10/SR 83 junction. So all four Corvair's raced onto I-10 and trekked east toward vegetables, fruit and apple wood cooked burgers! 30 miles out Frank waived to exit, a screech-whine on the right front had developed. We stopped and just like all good parents, we checked the temperature on the driver's hubcap-no fever, but then after checking the passenger side we almost had to treat ourselves for 1st degree burns. Corvy was parked, Frank and Thomas jumped into Ron's Greenbrier and then there were 3 Corvairs. We made it to the produce area and frolicked along the squash, eggplant, jalapeno and



tomatoes rows. We even had cooked corn ears with butter and fixins! It was good. Time to start back toward the fruit farm and the burgers. But wait, the Red Rocket did not want to start! Just like that Ron's Greenbrier was backed up and the Tow strap attached, another rescue! After much coughing, the red rocket started. We sped away, fearing the corn maze causing juju to the Corvairs. Greenbrier first then Red Rocket lastly Blue Lakewood. 55-65 maybe 75 mph, then left to the fruit stand and the Apple wood burgers. The first two make the left and watch the Blue Lakewood speeding past the turnoff. Off the Red Rocket goes to save the trip or get a speeding ticket! We



all meet up at the fruit stand, pick apples-peaches-pears, eat the Apple Wood Burgers(frozen patties cooked on propane grills-they were still good), we then all had pie of our choice heaped with ice cream. All the while lounging under the mister cooled veranda and cruising Farmer John's tractor pulled trailer. After our fill of the good life in Wilcox, Az we headed back to reality. First stop Benson, Az to check on Corvy. It was jacked up and the tire did not spin easily. Oh boy, bad bearing? No, Dr. Maynard was troubleshooting and found the problem to be sticky brakes. After backing up the self adjusting star, it spun like the "WHEEL...OF...FORTUNE"! After cleaning up we all made it home without much ado. Great trip to Apple Annie's Wilcox, Az





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## TCA 2015 Events at a Glance

Sept. 19th

**Wild West Car Show at Old Tucson Studios**

Sept. 26th

Car-Con @ Tucson Expo Center Sat10-8 and Sunday 10-6

Oct. 3rd

7th Annual All Corvair Anniversary Car Show . Thorobred Chevrolet, Chandler, AZ. 9-12

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.

Labor day weekend trip to Canyon City, Tx. Who in their right mind would do this? Well Mike Lake, Sam Pernu and Bill Maynard did! They left at o'dark thirty...racing thru Arizona, New Mexico and finally into the Texas panhandle. They met up with Mike's friend Earline. That was Saturday the 5th of September. On Sunday they traveled down to Canyon City, Tx. There they picked up a 68 Coupe that originally lived in Miami, Az. They loaded it up and then rested up for the travel back Monday morning. They arrived back in town about 4:30 pm. Another late model returned home....stay tuned for the next rescue mission.



## August Meeting Minutes

Attendees..Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, Sam Pernu, Bill Maynard, Aileen Hurtado, Allen Elvick, Dave Lynch, and new member, Justin Thomas.

### Old Business:

As mentioned in previous minutes, Little Anthony's was a success with Mike Lake's Red Rocket winning best of show. The gaslight theater was a "lot of fun" and it was suggested that it be done again.

The Page trip was discussed in great and excruciating detail...

OMG what a trip! It was a 24 hour test of endurance and determination but was worth it in the end.

### New Business:

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Apple Annies in Wilcox...Meet at Triple T on I-10 at 0700 for breakfast. Meet John and Amy Young at Sonoita exit highway 83 and I-10. Then caravan to Wilcox.

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Wild West car show at Old Tucson Studios on Kinney Road. Can enter on line and get details or register same day but cost is \$30.

Sept. 26,27<sup>th</sup> Car Con car show at Tucson Expo Center on Irvington Road east of Palo Verde. 3750 E. Irvington Road.

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday is the Taking Cactus Corvair Club annual meet at Thoroughbred Chevrolet in Chandler. Meet at 6AM Denny's at Oracle and River for breakfast then head up the frontage road to Chandler.

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> St Gregory Car show. Can register on line.

Oct.23-25<sup>th</sup> Fan belt Toss in Palm Springs...Early Friday morning leave for Palm Springs. Sat is the banquet at \$35-\$38, \$10 registration. loads of stuff for the swap meet to replenish the treasury.

Raffle: Prizes were won by Allen and Justin. Bringing prizes for next meeting are Ron ,Mike and Sam

Discussion: New member Jim Kable has just passed away and a sympathy car was signed by all in attendance. He had several cars. Some corvairs and some other quality restored models of various makes. Justin Thomas has just finished a 67 Monza 110, and Ron Bloom is working on an electrical problem related to ignition switch. Justin is also a MoPar guy and indicated there is a car show on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Fuddrucker on Speedway and Wilmot. Mike reported a new problem related to fuel supply with his car on the way to the meeting. Still trying to pinpoint the cause. Bill Maynard indicated that he has a number of engines in various stages of being rebuilt..More to come on that. Sam is the proud owner of a new van project. Meeting was adjourned and a good time was had by all. You can direct all comments...negative or positive for this issue to Allen who was substituting for Frank and Gloria who were off cruising Alaska cooling off and looking for gold.

Jim Kaple's family is looking to liquidate some Corvair's. Call Rowe Kaple at 299-1250 to see them.



## President's Message

Today I write this Presidents Message with a heavy heart. Jim Kaple, who recently joined our club in April has passed away from a long time illness. I met Jim at the beginning of this year when I accepted a job repairing the roof on his 58 Chevy PU. What I first noticed about Jim was his attention to detail, the fit and finish of the cars he had re-stored and the ones in progress. I would put him on par with John and Amy Young, which is a lofty perch indeed. Jim had a love of cars which was evident in how he treated them. I know in the brief time I spent with him, I learned a lot about my standards vs his. I know now that I need to up my game. Thank you Jim for opening my eyes. On behalf of the Tucson Corvair Association, I offer our condolence's to Mrs Kaple and the Kaple family. The Classic Car world lost one of the best.



With the passing of Jim, it reminds us all of how short life really is. It won't be long before most of us will be in the Great Classic Car show up above. We all have talents in one field or another related to the car hobby. We need to pass those talents on to the youth of this car culture to keep it alive. Think back to the days when lead was used to repair and customize cars. It was an art form. How many of you can name a bodyman that uses lead today? It's become a lost art. Let's not let that happen to the rest of our hobby. To often in today's world, it's about remove and replace, unbolt one and bolt on another. The ingenuity, the challenge of redesign and the pride of the hands on approach has all but left us. You, yes look in the mirror, we are the gatekeepers of this great hobby of ours. Find someone to mentor, continue to learn and please pass on your knowledge. Jim, mentored me without him knowing he had done so. Just to see his cars was a learning experience. God-speed Jim.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on Oct 23rd

Take care  
Mike

About the only thing that can come between  
a Corvair owner and his Corvair is



his wife

'64 Corvair Monza Club Coupe

## Member Minute

**What is your name and nicknames?** Samuel Andrew Pernu. I've been called Bubba for my whole life by family and friends

**How old are you? . 19 years old In Corvair years? ?**

**What is your favorite song while driving your Corvair?** . Favorite song for the corvair is a tie between Hotel California by the Eagles or Let's Live For Today by the Grass Roots, it depends where I'm driving.

**Do you prefer early or late model Corvairs?** Late Models

**What cars have you owned?** I own the two corvairs I've always wanted, a 65 Convertible and a

**If you could own any car what would it be and why?** Outside of corvairs, I've always wanted a dodge Daytona. So I can drive screaming fast and have at least a little bit of control at the same time

**Describe your best Corvair memory or experience. ?** My best memory would have to be while driving downtown at 1am. I came across a horse drawn carriage full of sorority girls, and they decided they wanted to race. So we did.

**Describe your worst Corvair memory or experience. .** I really don't have a worst memory but the most embarrassing one is when I was showing off at school and my car backfired, shot smoke out the back and broke down shortly after. Everyone I know proceeded to drive past and laugh.

**How long have you been working with Corvairs and what makes them so appealing to you?** I've had my Corvair for about 4 years now. I like Corvairs because they are unique and handle very well.

**How long have you been in the Tucson Corvair club?** This is my 3rd year in the club.

**Any additional remarks?** No additional comments other than losing to the horse drawn carriage was also pretty embarrassing.



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New Project



## TCA takes over Ryan Field restaurant-Todd's

Breakfast at Todd's was a great success. We had about 19 there. We essentially took over Todd's. Even though it was breakfast and it was good, there was tons of bologna being spoken around the table. Why I think I even heard Mike talking about a certain time when he "allegedly" ran Connecticut! Yeah right!



John and Amy were great hosts and even let us tour their hanger. They are selling one. If you are interested find John Young on our member roster at the web-site. It was great! I hope we can do it again.



### Community Wants

David Werth 648-2165, [davidquailcreek@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto:hollyfaith08@gmail.com)

Do you know these kids?

They have been inseparable for years! Rumor has it that they have built some very nice Corvairs and will be donating them to..... their kids. They were once voted most likely to win the Chevy Showdown (Corvairs) umpteen times and they have.





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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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