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### Modular Engines for '64

Here are some photos from the internet of the modular Corvair engine which could have been in production as early as 1964 but GM was already working on more traditional rearwheel drive vehicles to fill the Corvair's spot in the lineup so the retooling expense was not justifiable. The proto types were apparently built in 4, 6 and 10 cylinder configurations.

It's hard to imagine where the air-cooled engine would have gone with this type of design.

"For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been!'" John Whittier, <u>Maud Muller</u>



10-cylinder modular engine as installed in '62 Impala. Noto power steering pump, alternator and Chevy 6-cylinder carbs



What, no pushrod tubes??







4-cylinder block made from shortened 6-cylinder block. Note single bolt hole below lifter bores for later design cylinders

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# TCA 2017 Events at a Glance

Sep 11, Mon	<b>Board Meeting:</b> 6:30pm. Wings Over Broadway, 5004 E Broadway.
Sep 27, Wed	<b>Regular Monthly Meeting</b> . Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd St, Tucson, Arizona (near Co- lumbus).
Sep 28, Thu	<b>Freddy's Car Show.</b> Orange Grove and Thornydale. 5pm-8pm. Come join in the casual display of all kinds of cars and trucks. No fees. Bring a car for display and get a ticket for a free custard at Freddy's or a free drink with your meal at Firehouse Subs.
Oct 20-22	Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet, Palm Springs, California.
Oct 21, Sat	Classics of Tucson Car Show, the Gregory School. See <u>tucsonclassic-</u> <u>scarshow.com/</u> for details.



#### **August Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association held August 23, 2017 at Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Lynch at 6:58pm. In attendance were Allen Elvick, Van Pershing, Dave Lynch, Patrick Lynch, Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, Doug Scott, and Bill Sala.

Treasury report was given by Allen Elvick. The balance on July 1 was \$2,574.42 with a closing balance on July 31 of \$2,539.42.

Membership report was given by Ron Bloom. There are two potential members pending receipt of dues.

John Young entered a car in the Caterpillar car show at their proving grounds in Sahuarita recently. There were about 75 cars on display along with several pieces Caterpillar equipment. It will be an annual event. Mike Lake and Ron Bloom also were at the event and gave a good report of the activities there.

It was announced that we need a replacement for the Club merchandise chairperson and the Club librarian.

In a previous meeting it was announced that the club car was sold for the sum of \$300. It was not clear if the car actually sold since the treasurer had not received any funds to date.

Van Pershing presented several ideas for a new Club T-shirt design. It was suggested that we do golf shirts this time instead of T-shirts.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning a new meeting

place. Several ideas were discussed including rotating the places from month to month, meeting at one of the Chevy dealers or someone's home, changing meeting places every quarter to different area of town, and many more. Te Board with further consider the issue.

President Lynch announced athat the next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 11 at 6:30pm at Wings Over Broadway, 5004 E Broadway.

One tech item was brought up. It seems that when Mitch Dunn's '61 4-door was serviced and it was discovered that a new air filter product has become available. It flows much more air than even the K&N filters, however it is believed that it doesn't filter the air quite as well. (picture below).

The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

#### Submitted by Van Pershing, Recording Secretary



#### The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering

For ten days each August, connoisseurs and enthusiasts from around the world converge on the Monterey Peninsula to celebrate the ultimate in automotive design, engineering and camaraderie among fellow aficionados.

The crown jewel in a whirlwind of events is *The Quail, A Motorsports Gathering*. This year no less than eight Devin Cs were on display for all the world to see.



Photo posted by Matt Null

## Design History of the Greenbrier

Tyler Linner put together a nice spread on the design history of the Greenbrier using photos that were discovered in the GM archives. As you can see by the photos and the their dates things we going full steam ahead as early as 1957. You will also notice the Holden name badge in the mockups. This fooled even some of the GM designers that were working on the project. For the full article go to <u>http://</u> <u>tylerlinner1.kinja.com/design-history-1961-65-chevroletcorvair-greenbrier-1786876388</u>







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1963 grill proposal





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Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the Fourth Wednesday of every month with a bull session starting at 6:30pm and the meeting starting at 7pm.

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:**

Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona



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