

Miracle Mile Gateway Car Show



Mike, John and Ron enjoy viewing the show from the comfort of their beach chairs.



The first in what hopes to be a series of car shows and events in the historical district of Miracle Mile took place on Saturday, January 13 in the parking lot of the Golden Pin Lanes on the corner of Miracle Mile and Fairview in Tucson.

Of the approximately 140 vehicles in attendance four were Corvairs from the Club. John Young drove in from Green Valley with his '65 turbo Corsa convertible, Ron Bloom brought his '65 evening orchid convertible, Mike Lake graced us with the presence of his red turbo Corsa coupe, and Van Pershing came with his Stinger.



Mike Lake's turbo Corsa



Ron Bloom's '65 convertible



John Young's turbo Corsa convertible (above) and Van Pershing's Yenko Stinger (right)





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COSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the COSA Communiqué, a bi-monthly publication. COSA membership is not required for membership in the Tucson Corvair Association, but is highly recommended. See any TCA officer for more information.

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TCA 2018 Events at a Glance

Feb 27, Wed

Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Come a little early if you're going to have dinner. Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd St, Tucson, Arizona (near Columbus).

Feb 17, Sat

Caliente Clowns Car Show, 9am-1pm. Caliente Casa de Sol, 3502 N Pinal Parkway Florence, Arizona

Apr 7, Sat

Cactus Corvair Club Spring Picnic. Scottsdale, Arizona

Apr 28, Sat

Chevy Showdown. Desert Diamond Casino.

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All dues are due at the first of every year. It's that time again!!

Dues are \$15 per year for individuals and \$22 per year for families.

Dues are payable to Club Treasurer Allen Elvick at the next meeting or you may mail them to him at:

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January Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association held January 24, 2018 at Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Dave Lynch. In attendance were Mike Lake, Dave Lynch, Ron Bloom, Allen Elvick, Sam Pernu, Frank Nuñez, Bill Sala, John Young, Al Brown, and Ron and Amy Vanslyke.

Treasurer Allen Elvick reported an opening balance of the Club checking account for the month of January of \$2,582.96 with a month end closing balance for the month of \$2,329.90.

Membership Chair Ron Bloom reported that the two prospective members he was working with have disappeared.

Al Brown and the Vanslykes were introduced. They joined the Club right after the meeting. Welcome!

President Lynch presented the 2017 Gordon Cauble Award to Van Pershing.

Vice President Mike Lake reviewed some recent past activities. Early in December he and Ron Bloom attended the show at Little Anthony's and then headed over to the open house at Crown Concepts. The Christmas party was poorly attended and plans are in the

works to make it better next year. The Day One Cruise held on January 1 was attended by about 140 cars. Ron and Mike enjoyed the cruise. The Miracle Mile show had four Corvairs from the Club in attendance. Mike reminded us of the upcoming Tubac show, and the Oro Valley show on Feb 17. The possible March activity: a trip to Greg Davis' shop in Sierra Vista. Mike will set up that date and time.

Bill Maynard has several Corvairs for sale. Bob Moulton also is selling his late model 4-door.

A board meeting will be scheduled by President Lynch. He will send out an email.

Tech: Mike had a replacement from bushing Clark's for his distributor but the i.d. of the bushing was way bigger than the hole in the distributor. Mike and Ron have many Corvair parts for sale including a 150 turbo engine.

It was decided to reinstate the fan belt toss and raffle.

Officers are to be elected next month but no plans have been made as yet. Frank Nuñez volunteered to be the board member-at-large.

The Club will get together and go to Freddy's at 7120 E Broadway on February 5.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Van Pershing

Corvair 95 Camping

Here are a couple of nice examples of how one can camp in style....Corvair style, that is.

The Greenbrier below has been converted with a pop-up fiberglass top and appears to be totally ready for a trip to the White Mountains.

The class C motor home on the right appears to have been constructed on Rampside or maybe even a Greenbrier.

Below right is a nice example of a self-contained camper mounted on a Rampside.



Upgrade for late model rear suspension strut rods

Van Pershing

The late model rear suspension struts are starting to show their age. The heavy castings are great but the rubber bushing are usually worn and loosing their ability to do the job for which they were intended. One solution is to have the rods rebuilt by one of the Corvair suppliers. Another option is to buy bushing and replace them yourself. A third option is to purchase a set of C4 (1984-1996) Corvette strut rods and install them in place of the old one. This is the most economical option and easy to install.

Several Corvette suppliers sell these replacement struts for around \$110-\$130. The strut kit includes two struts and two sets of hardware to install then on a Corvair. The kit comes with 4 special washers but you'll need to purchase four more to do the Corvair installation. You'll also need some extra flat washers to use as spacers so the struts fit the Corvair brackets properly.



The after market Corvette strut rod (bottom) is a little lighter weight at 3.0 lbs than the stock Corvair rod (top) at 5.2 lbs, plus very easy to adjust the camber. They are also much easier to remove and replace than the stock rods.



This kit that was purchased from Mid America Motorworks (shown above) included all that is shown here except the four additional special washers in the lower right-hand corner of the photo.



Pictured above are the stock C4 Corvette cam bolts. Except for maybe the length, they look a whole lot like the Corvair cam bolts. When using the replacement struts, the cam bolts will not be need on either the Corvair or the Corvette.

The C4 Corvette camber adjustment system is very similar to the Corvair set up except the cam bolts are located inboard. Also notice in the photo that the stock Corvette strut rods are cast aluminum.



Upgrade for late model rear suspension strut rods

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The strut rods definitely do not look like the stock units but they do look nice and are very functional.

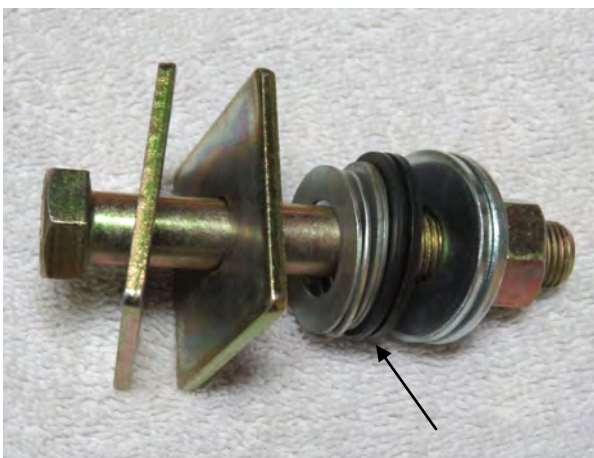
Note: These are photos of the install on AzDave's 4-door Monza. (Dave is a member of the Cactus Club)



This view of the outboard bracket shows the use of flat washers as spacers.



The picture to the left shows another view of the outboard side of the installation.



The hardware kits that comes with the rods includes two special washers for each side that fit into the urethane bushings. Be sure and purchase four more of these washers for the other end of the rods. There are also several flat washers included.



Reused OEM bolt here

The inboard brackets also require the use of several flat washer spacers to make a proper fit to the Corvair brackets. Note the use of the existing Corvair bolt. The strut rod kit comes with only one bolt, so the Corvair bolt can be reused.



Ron Bloom was asked by a photographer to close the trunk of his convertible for a photo shoot at a recent car show. Since the interior of the trunk is so nice he likes to show it off. When it came time reopen it for display, he had to get the "key" out the glove box. Ron is well know for his classy approach to solving problems.



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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

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