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Big changes coming to TCA

In the past several years the membership and activity of the Tucson Corvair Association has been dwindling. Meeting attendance is now averaging about 6 members per monthly meeting. Attendance at the activities the Club sponsors runs between 5 and 10 members per event. Membership in the past 3 years has fallen from over 40 members to below 30. Only 10 of those members regularly participating in Club gatherings/meetings and only a half dozen of those are engaged in Club leadership. These same half dozen members have been carrying this responsibility for years. It's time for some changes.

In a meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 23, several options were discussed concerning possible solutions to the dilemma we are facing. Some possible scenarios (with appropriate variations) include:

- Interested members can become members of the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson and become part of a Corvair owners group within the

club. Attend CCCT meetings and participate in CCCT activities. Dues are \$25 per year and first year's dues would be possibly paid from the TCA treasury.

- Modify TCA bylaws and reduce monthly member meetings to quarterly and have occasional activities and reduce membership dues accordingly. Participate in CCCT and Cactus Corvair activities. Newsletter would be reduced to quarterly editions.
- Dissolve TCA altogether and fellow Corvair enthusiasts can associate without the benefits/burdens of a formal organization. This would, of course, end our chapter status with C.O.R.S.A.
- Change nothing and continue as-is. This particular scenario would mean certain death to TCA since the existing leadership would soon grow tired of carrying the responsibilities of maintaining the club with little hope of improvement.

All of these options were discussed in detail as well as variations of these scenarios. The Board decided that a survey would be conducted to determine what changes members and past members would like in order to make TCA a better, more desirable club.

To that end each current member and all former member will receive a survey form by email within the next few days that can be filled out and returned for evaluation. This will greatly assist the Board of Directors in forming a plan to keep TCA alive.

Each person is also welcome to provide suggestions by emailing them to the Club email address: tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com.

It is the goal of the current Board to formulate a plan that will make TCA a better organization that fulfills the need and desires of the Tucson Corvair community.

TCA Board of Directors

IMPORTANT NOTICE

With in the next few days you will be receiving a Club survey questionnaire that concerns the future direction of the Tucson Corvair Association. Please take a moment and answer the questions and return it be "reply" email.



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TCA 2018 Events at a Glance

The Corvairsation is a monthly publication of the Tucson Corvair Association, which is dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair model of the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors. The Tucson Corvair Association is a chartered member of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) as Chapter 357.

Membership dues are \$15 per year for individuals and \$18 for families. Initial dues are \$19 for individuals and \$22 for families (includes one name tag). Make checks payable to the Tucson Corvair Association and mail to the TCA Treasurer.

Change of Address: Report any change of address or phone number to the Membership Chair.

CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communiqué, a bi-monthly publication. CORSA 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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Jun 23, 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).

Oct 26-28

Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet. Sunrise Park, Palm Spring, California

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May Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association held May 23, 2018 at Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Lake at 7pm. In attendance were Mike Lake, Allen Elvick, Ron Bloom, Van Pershing, Doug Scott, Bill Sala, Barry Foster and Greg Davis.

The treasurer's report was given by Allen Elvick. Bank balance as of April 1 was \$2,663.27 with an ending balance on May 1 of \$2,276.

A brief report of the breakfast at the Bisbee Breakfast Club was given. Ten members attended and the Club picked up the tab.

A board of Directors meeting was conducted discussing the future of the Club. Several scenarios that would be suitable for maintaining the health of the Club were discussed. (These are outlined in the article on page 1 of this issue). It was decided to conduct a survey to get a feeling of what current members and past members think about the Club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by Van Pershing



Cuban Corvair

As you travel around the world you get to see all kinds of creative things people do with automobiles to keep them on the road. Cuba may be the best example of all. In the 60s when the US and Cuba broke diplomatic ties, the cars that were left in the country were pretty much all anybody was going to see for many years. Parts to keep them running were difficult, if not impossible, to come by. "Regular" front-engine rear-drive cars were pretty easy to graft in another engine almost of any type or manufacturer. The poor Corvairs were left stranded. When the drive train was worn out there was no tossing some other engine in its place without heavy modification.

Here's an example of how one clever car buff solved the problem. We don't know many details but this Corvair is equipped with a Russian Lada 4-cylinder power plant. A modified grill to allow for cooling and some fancy taillights brought this 1960 four-door back to life. Very impressive considering the circumstance.



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CUBA

Survival of the fittest in Cuba!

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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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