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TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
28 SEPTEMBER 1976

1. The meeting was called to order by Frank McKenna.
2. Guests were introduced. There were 13 members in attendance.
3. The August minutes were approved and seconded.
4. Chris Cunningham presented the Treasurer's report. Funds on deposit totaled \$82.10.
5. The selection of a new meeting place was discussed. Open
6. John DiLauro was elected unanimously to servr as Vice-President.
7. The tune-up clinic was discussed. A committee composed of Frank McKenna, Mark McKenna, David Royer and John DiLauro was selected to work out the arrangements.
8. A motion was made and seconded to tender honorary memberships to Bill Fisher and the owners of Matthews and O'Rielly Chevrolet.
9. John Blackman, the local Amszoil distributor, briefed the members on the benifits of using his product in the Corvair engine.
10. Frank McKenna led a discussion concerning the types of spark plugs to be used in the Corvair engine.
11. The grab bag was won by Chris Cunningham.

THE OCTOBER 1976 NEWSLETTER OF THE TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

1. October's just about gone, a bad Corvair month. I have a 62 with a good engine and a bad automatic and a 61 with a bad engine and a good automatic. I plan to end up with a 61 plus a good engine and transmission. If anyone needs an engine to do some fogging with, I'll sell it cheap. The 61 is a clean little car. I mean clean out of options. No radio or heater. It must have been the 1961 featherweight model. I'll bet I have the only stock covers for the rear heater ducts. You can look at it another way. I won't have to worry about heater hoses dropping down on the starter cable and discharging the battery. No rattling speaker or broken antennas to replace and all that room under the dash.

I haven't had any calls from prospective members. Are you really carrying the flyers in your car so they will be available or are they home on the dresser. We need more members!

I received two inputs for the newsletter this month. Maybe the deadline is too early. I am running out of ideas. The article about Corvair Handling was copied from the Corvairs of New Mexico Newsletter. Seems our old friend Ralph, in his opinion, is never wrong.

John DiLauro has completed some 13 second runs at the Tucson Dragway. He has almost solved the detonation problem; he only races cars with open headers. In this way, if his engine is detonating he can't hear it. His times are faster.

If you have read this far, please continue. It seems each month on the night of the meeting, I receive numerous phone calls asking where and when the meeting will be. I always include this info in the newsletter.

2. The meeting will be at the Western Savings Building, 3002 N. Campbell Avenue. Date: 26 October 76 Time: 7:30 P.M.

3. The Tucson Timing Association will be sponsoring a vehicle show November 24-28 at the Tucson Community Center. I would like to see a few Corvairs on display. If you think your car is clean enough to show, start thinking about it. Entries have to be received by 9 November. We will discuss it at the meeting.

4. Gordon Cauble was having trouble with his Temp/Press light. It seems the light was coming on more often than he thought it should. He purchased a new sensor. When he removed the old one he noticed it lacked the special washer that came with the new unit. He replaced the old sensor with the new one and the washer. Away went the problem. Your probably saying the sensor was bad, not so. Gordon did some checking with a few other Corvair drivers and they recalled having the same problem, however they only replaced the washer and their problems were solved. The washer must have something to do with the transfer of heat to the sensor or maybe it is a clearance problem with out the washer installed. For what its worth.... If you are rebuilding your engine or changing the sensor remember the washer.

5. I have committed the association to meet with the Phoenix club at Picacho Peak State Park on 7 November for a little comradeship and picnic. Bring your own food and drinks. We will discuss the details at the meeting. Keep the date open.