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The Tucson Corvair Association is a recognized and chartered chapter of CORSA, the Corvair Association of America. The association meets monthly and has additional activities each month. More information can be obtained by contacting any of the following officers.

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COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

At the June meeting the editor brought to the attention of the membership that the newsletter has been the sole responsibility of the editor. Its production from the first word, with the exception of the minutes, has come from the cranium of the editor. This must be modified on future issues.

We now have a secretary, a tech committee, a parts committee, an historian, an activities chairman plus some 40 members. Can these people be persuaded to contribute?

If you have no inclination as a writer, can you type? Can you type addresses, fold paper, lick stamps or offer other skills that can make the newsletter better? If you can, please come forward. The editor will cooperate on time and place to do these things to get the newsletter out on time.

Honestly, people, it can be a real chore. The editor has talked with Corvair newsletter editors and ours is not a singular situation.
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Confucius say;
A Corvair in the bush should be rescued from the crusher. Or, a Corvair that is not running right should be made to run left, back to shop. But, watch the lights--traffic that is.

MINUTES OF THE TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOC.

JUNE 22, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by President, Gordon Cauble. Self introductions of members and guests numbered nearly 40 present.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in CORVAIRSATION.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$295.61.--Approved as read.

V.P. Pat Bender reported on upcoming activities--July 16-All-Arizona meeting in Phoenix, August-no plans due to hot weather, September-Colossal Cave, Bisbee-economy run, November-open, December-open. Additional suggestions include a CCC Ranch for a dining experience.

Intermission- Grab Bag. Won By Don Chastain, a set of plugs and points. Total ticket sales amounted to \$20.50.

New business: The President announced a new award for aluminum can collection. A "Gold Can" award to be given each month for the highest dollar amount turned in by a member. The First award for April went to Frank McKenna. The May winner was John North. The can is elaborately decorated, emblazoned with the name of each winner. It is a traveling trophy to become the permanent possession of the most frequent winner by the end of March, 1978.

Frank McKenna gave more details of the All*Arizona Meet, July 16.

As chairman of the part committee, McKenna reported on the wrecking yard survey he has been conducting. The inventory of useable parts and cars is available from him.

McKenna also reported on the progress of getting plastic name tags and a survey of members was begun.

CORVAIRSATION editor, John North directed to print 70 or more copies of July issue to insure adequate distribution for promotional purposes.

President Gordon Cauble appointed Secretary, Jeanne Royer, as club historian to prepare a record, including photographic, of the club's activities.

The president also announced the forthcoming presentation of engraved belt buckles to past officer in appreciation of services. The buckle is engraved with an appropriate reproduction of the recipient's favorite Corvair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

The July meeting same place, time on July 27, 1977.
Shakey's, Craycroft and Speedway. 7 p.m. All you can eat \$2.00

And...Away We Go..to the North

The date, July 16, 1977, a Saturday, when most people can relax and take a day off to do as they please. Well, so it was with some 21 members and friends and families of the Tucson Corvair Association.

What was billed as the ALL-ARIZONA CORVAIR MEET turned out to be the Tucson-Phoenix Corvair meet. It seems that the majority of the Flagstaff group cannot get away on Saturday. Let's try it again some time.

Eight vehicles gathered at Grant and Miracle Mile, plus a travel trailer. It seems that Pat Bender and family were off for a long weekend after the get-together and the family car was pressed into service, having been signed as an "honorary Corvair". In addition there was the spurious looking vehicle which would pass for a Mustang on any used car lot. Good show, Mark.

We finally got underway about 25 minutes after the appointed time. Frank McKenna, being the head honcho for the caravan, named John North as the point car, hoping somehow to redeem him for his booboo at the Pima Air Museum trip when he passed up the correct exit east of Tucson.

The speed was set at 50-55 plus depending on traffic. There was much passing on the part of other motorists. A short breather about halfway for inspection and the sand-box found everything in order. Headlight and parking lights were eyeballed from the rear view mirror to see that the herd was keeping up. In fact the speed was slowed and steadied a bit to just about 53, then it happened. We lost three vehicles. The casualty turned out to be a Rampside. She just couldn't make the speed. However, the unlucky chap got to the appointed rendezvous in due time.

The facilities at the Pera Club on the edge of Scottsdale are excellent. We kept moving tables to keep in the shade on the grassy slope. Aside from the beverage concession, the gigantic pool got the most workout. Even some of the oldsters took a dip. The only problem was that the concrete was scorching the tootsies, but we soon learned.

Head chef, Bob Helt, turned dozens of hamburgers on the grill. One young man was reported to have eaten 16 of them. We must admit that the beans, salads, beverages and the watermelon were just great. It took a little time to realize that we were making history with this gathering and the talk quickly turned to Corvairs. The wives left the area immediately. Is that a lesson for us guys?

Most waited until early evening to depart on our own. Skies threatened on the way home but no further casualties were reported.

Our thanks to our hosts, the Cactus Corvair Club and to its members who made it possible. Also a warm thanks to the Pera Club for the use of its facilities. Last, but, not least, a good job done by those of the Tucson Corvair Association who arranged the outing. JN

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(The space is for the use of members for buying, selling, trading or services they have to offer. In addition it may be used as a service to members as a source of information about cars for sale or wanted that come to the attention of the editor or other members.)

Pin striping and art by D-Signs & Art, 5478 E. 29th st., John DiLauro, 747-7272

Corvair Parts Locator, Frank McKenna 1848 S. Regina Cleri Dr., 885-8571

For Sale: Ramp side pickup, Ted Lloyd rebuilt the Spyder engine in it. No Turbo. Has two Roch carbs. See or call Jerry Bishop-748-1444

For Sale: '66 RED convertible/black interior/automatic. Asking \$1500 Call or see Gordon Cauble 299-1122

Parts for sale: You all know Ace Royer. He has piles of all kinds of parts. 882-4483

Parts and cars for sale: Jerry Bishop's Towing and Salvage, 4260 E. Illinois, 748-1444

What's Doin' on Cars

Darrel Hayhurst is about to get a top quality paint job. Has the whole car stripped of all trim and hardware.

Frank McKenna is still working on the full restoration of his '64 Spyder and working on a '66 coupe.

John North is about to drop a rebuilt engine in a '63 Convertible and then on to interior, top, body and paint. Also has stashed a couple of basket case engine for the future.

Gertude King had her '67 painted..not bad either.

Bill Fournier has re-wired his '63 and given it an unbelievable tune-up.

Tech Tips

It is not a good idea to try using early model carb, which has the "bail" attachment of the air cleaner, on late models, which have the "j" bolt attachment of the air intake tube. Why? When you drill for the "j" bolt you will open the bowl cover to an additional venting and in some circumstances cause an over-rich mixture. A cure for the problem is to plug the hole after removing the cover.

When mounting the bell housing be sure to avoid washers under the two lower, middle bolts as it will reduce clearance to the back of the flywheel and cause interference.

When cutting the ring ridge out of a cylinder do not cut too deep. It will interfere with proper sealing of the ring at the top of its travel. Eventually it may wear-in, but may cause the ring to hangup in the groove, killing any chance of good sealing.

The best gasket for an oil pan is the neoprene. But be sure to hold torque to no more than needed to prevent leaks. Do not use the torque figures in the shop manual for the paper gasket. Needed torque on the neoprene is 40 in./pounds or less.

QUESTION? Has anyone seen a cylinder head warp as the top row of nuts is torqued? It is the upper right corner as you face the open valve spring chamber. Torque over 30 ft./pounds might break it. This was on a '64 head. Very little support is offered at this point in the casting, either by fins or a rib at right angle to the fins. J.N.

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NOTICE--JULY MEETING

The **J**uly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association will be held July 27, 1977 at Shakey's Pizza Parlour, Craycroft & Speedway. TIME..7 p.m. All **you** can eat for \$2.00! Family and Friends welcome.