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Tucson Corvair Association is a chartered chapter of CORSA, Corvair Society of America. The Association holds regular meetings monthly on the 4th Wednesday, and has additional social or Corvair related activities each month.

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FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT --

BE SURE TO MAKE NOTE of the activities of our Club for this month and next. Details are in various spots throughout this issue of CORVAIRSATION.

MONTHLY SUPPER MEETINGS at SHAKEY's continue to be well attended. If you show up at 6:30, there's time to look over the cars before we eat at 7.

WE'RE GLAD newcomers join our membership each month. Bring a friend along on October 26th. Where else can you get such a good meal for just \$2.00?

GBC

NEW MEMBER

BILL NICHOLS 4015 E Monte Vista  
Tucson, Az 85712  
795-5649

(NOTE: Bill has two early model cars running--one of which is under cosmetic repairs, and several other restorable early models. His yellow '64 2 dr. is the brightest yellow Corvair we've ever seen. --Ed.)

# TECH TIPS-



## CONVERTIBLE TOP RESTORING TIP

(Courtesy of the San Diego Corvair Club VAIR TIPS)

When having top work, replacement or repair, it is a good time to do something else. Arrange to have the top removed on a Friday, for example, so that you can clean, de-rust, paint and adjust the top frame over the weekend. (Any other days would be OK of course, just allow yourself ample time.)

There are two adjustments on each side of the top frame that you can adjust for proper fit at the top of the windshield, and the top of the side windows. One is in the hinge where the front part of the top folds back. This adjusts the allignment of the frame at the top of the door glass. The other is the main attachment point where the frame is attached to the car body. You adjust the top at this location for up and down and forward and aft. Some experimenting will be required as the two have some effect on each other. Crank windows up and down to adjust the top frame for best fit and window seal.

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## CONVERTIBLE WEATHER STRIPS AND SEALS

(From the personal experience of John North of the Tucson Club)

Much of the damage and distress found with weather strips and seals is due to bad adjustment and just plain carelessness in putting the top up and down.

Most of the seals are no longer available, so take good care of them with Armorall. Fuzzies are still available from Clarks, but the price is higher than you think. (\$26.00) The tacking strips may be replaced, but no source has been located.

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## CON'T.

Another point about poor window adjustment: The glass run channels can be worn out by bad adjustment. The binding on one side or the other of the channel run will cause a bind in raising or lowering the glass. Check it! The Club has workshop manuals covering the 1962-64 models.

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## FOR PROPER HANDLING ON THE ROAD

(Tip from Gordon)

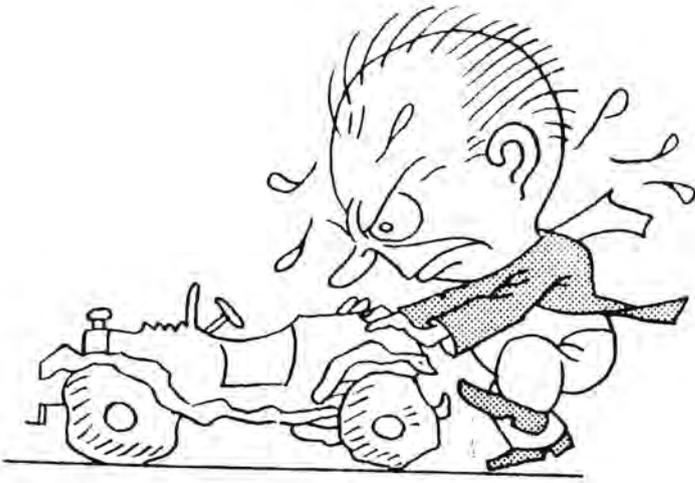
Check your tire pressures. For proper handling on the road with tires cold--front, 15 lbs; Rear, 26 lbs.

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## PROBLEMS OF A STRIPPER (namely Pat Bender)

I'm in the process of stripping the paint from my '66 convertible. WHAT A JOB!

As far as I can tell, there's the original paint, a thick body putty, a good paint job and a \$19.95 Special. It took nearly two hours to strip just the top side of the trunk lid! Looks like it's going to take three gallons of paint strip.



# VAIR-y TALES

## THE SAGA OF MR. GOODWRENCH

### AND THE '63 CORVAIR

"I don't know how many miles I've driven the little Corvair, pulling a U-Haul loaded. I'm sure I left Tucson with about a  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton, and added all the stuff Poky had at Pueblo. From Tucson to Pueblo there were very few hills and we did fine. There's one long grade just as you get to Pueblo out of Truth and Consequences that put me in low range for maybe 5 miles or so. I'd been adding a pint of transmission fluid about every 200 miles. Car ran like a champ though and the tranny pulled good, so I didn't worry about it. I left Tucson on a Friday and got into Pueblo Saturday, so I didn't fool around much.

"I got a job at Pueblo and worked at the Chev Garage a week, sold three cars, took the money, loaded everything up and took off for California by way of Cheyenne to pick up the freeway. You just can't imagine the mountains I went over. Just out of Cheyenne, one pass was 8680 feet. I was adding a pint of transmission fluid every 100 miles or so. I'd go down a grade, see a long pull ahead, go like hell down (speedo quit so I never knew how fast I was going) one side and start up the other. As soon as I started up again the car would bog right down until I was down to 30-35, and then that car would pull the damndest grade you can imagine and hold 30-30. I must have driven two or three hours a day in low range. I'd see a grade ahead and think 'We'll never pull this one'-- and when we got to the top, there'd be another

one ahead even worse! I felt like I was going up one side of the world and down the other. By this time, I was adding a quart of transmission fluid every 50 miles. I thought it was probably the vacuum modulator but the car wasn't smoking and I didn't want to stop for a transmission overhaul...

"I felt like I'd been pulling that damn trailer for a month when I finally got to Redding. The last 200 miles I pulled the Granddaddy hill of them all from Reno over.

"No Corvair Club here...but I may start one myself...Sure miss you guys,

Roy V.

NOTE: We really miss Roy and Poky Van Klinken, former members of the Tucson Club. Poky served as Secretary.

Share your 'Vair trip with the rest of us. We'll publish your contribution in 'VAIR-y TALES as space allows.

CORVAIR OCTOBER RALLY AND ECONOMY RUN

to

BISBEE, ARIZONA



RALLY TIME: 8 a.m. Sunday, October 16

DEPARTURE TIME: 8:30 a.m.

RALLY POINT: Randolph Park west side from Country Club Entrance

-- Tune up those Corvairs for the two class economy run to Bisbee.

-- The two classes are Powerglides and Manual Transmission.

Are you going to win the ECONOMY AWARD or the GAS GUZZLER AWARD? Entry fee: \$1.00.

Fill up before Rally Time and tanks will be topped off at Randolph and odometer readings will be recorded. This is an all day trip. Bring a picnic lunch. Also bring jackets or sweaters for the mine tour in Bisbee. Departure time, 8:30 a.m. sharp.

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OCTOBER RALLY

DON'T MISS IT!

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-- LOOKING AHEAD --

- OCT. 26 -- REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. Bob Helt, Director of CORSA and Technical Editor of CORSA QUARTERLY will visit with us and tell us about CORSA's planned activities for the Southwest Region and his goals for the coming year.
- NOV. 13 -- GET TOGETHER of the Corvair Clubs of Southern California (principally San Diego) and Cactus Corvair-Corvette Club (Phoenix) in YUMA, AZ. at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, 13 November. Our club members are invited to participate in the picnic, gymkhana, and swap meet. Participants should bring their own food and beverages, parts to trade or money to spend, and lively Corvair conversation. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet other Corvair enthusiasts, renew friendships with Vair Nuts you've known in the past, trade parts, ideas, tech tips and have a fun time with guys and gals interested in Corvairs. Interested? Call Gordon, and if enough cars are going, we may organize a caravan. On the other hand, if you are interested in going but prefer not to drive your car, we can arrange rides and expense sharing.
- NOVEMBER-- WHEEL-O-RAMA at Tucson Community Center over Thanksgiving weekend. Our club will have 3 nice cars in our club display. For further information, call Frank McKenna.
- DECEMBER-- HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST about what you'd like our club activity and rally to be in December? Call Pat Bender with your ideas before 15 November.

TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 1977

The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Cauble.

Guests gave self-introductions.

Mike Gavin said the secret word, "Corsa", and won the prize.

A second word prize was won when Chris Cunningham said "radial tires".

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed in Corvairsation.

The treasurer, Bill Fournier, reported that we spent \$357.32 and deposited \$213.75 leaving a balance of \$162.98.

Pima Air Museum Dash Plaques were still for sale.

Gordon Cauble presented the club with informative pamphlets and newsletters from other clubs.

We received a letter from Bob Helt, a member of the Corsa Board of Directors. He plans to keep in touch with our club and attend our October meeting. We will be sent the Corsa Quarterly Directors Newsletter.

The applications for the Wheelerama car show at the Community Center were available. Pictures of Don Chastain's, John North's and Bryan Lynch's cars will be taken for our club entry. The cars to go in the show will be decided on later.

Robert Peetry gave a lecture on the Lake-Weed and auctioned off a hubcap. He made \$10.00.

Pres. Gordon Cauble won the aluminum can prize for the largest collection of aluminum cans.

The October club run will be to Bisbee, Sunday, Oct. 16.

The club may take the mine tours in Bisbee. A prize will be given to the car with the best gas mileage.

Bill Fournier issued a challenge to beat his gas mileage. His prize will be a six-pack of beer.

The club will meet at the west side of Randolph Park at 8:00 A.M.

\$16.00 was collected for the sale of grab bag tickets.

Ace Royer gave a tech tip talk on speedometer cables and their lubrication.

Frank McKenna reported on fixing glove compartment doors.

John North showed new books for club library, which included "Vair Tips" literature from the San Diego club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

--Jeanne Royer  
Secretary

Classified Ads

PARTS, MECHANICAL REPAIR, PAINTING--  
Ace Royer has opened his own shop. For further information, call Ace, 882-4483.

PIN STRIPING AND ART by D-Signs & Art,  
5478 E 29th. John DiLauro, 747-7272.

# Classified Ads, cont.

**OFFICE MACHINES** for sale, trade or rent.  
Typewriters, adding machines, calculators,  
phone answering machines. Will trade for  
good parts for '66 Monza convertible. Call  
Pat, 888-2224

+ + +  
1965 MONZA CONVERTIBLE. Automatic,  
green with white top and white interior.  
Asking \$1250. Call 299-1122.

+ + +  
1963 GREENBRIER VAN, air conditioned.  
Good tires and extra '62 engine. Asking  
\$275. Call Gordon. 299-1122

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FREE TO ANYONE WHO WANTS IT--for early  
model convertible, a shag carpet  
(household) which has been cut to fit.  
Orange in color (mostly). Come and  
get it. John North, 3002 E 20th St.

**PARTS AND CARS FOR SALE:** Jerry Bishop  
Towing and Salvage, 4260 E Illinois.  
748-1444.

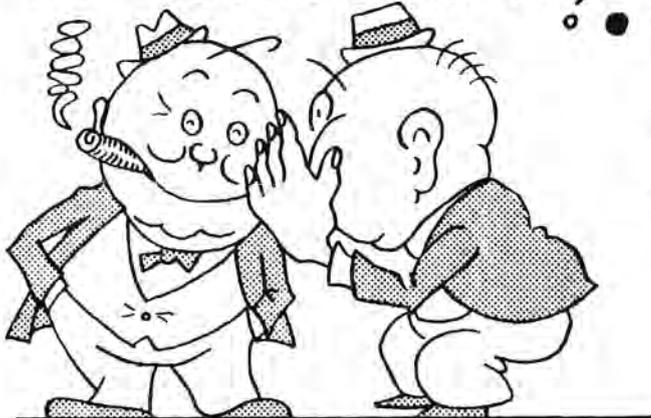
+ + +  
4 A78-13 TIRES. Almost new. \$48.00.  
Pair 61 HEADS, complete with valve job,  
\$70.00. Call Frank, 885-8571.

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TWO '64 RED BUCKET SEATS, rebuilt by  
Shumates, \$75 or offer. SPARK PLUGS  
for Corvairs, 44FF, 46FF, and Autolite  
equivalents. Club members, \$1.00 ea.  
Non-members, \$1.10. Call Gordon, 299-1122.

+ + +  
1966 MONZA CONVERTIBLE. Automatic,  
good tires, good top. Asking \$1200.  
Call 299-1122.

+ + +  
1963 2 DR. Good engine, tires and body.  
Ready to drive. \$400. Call Ace, 882-4483.

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on mechanical repairs . . . .

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- \* Applies to members' cars only

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



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TO BISBEE, ARIZONA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th 8:00 A.M.

Meet at Randolph Park, West Side Entrance From Country Club  
Departure Time 8:30 A.M.  
(More info inside)

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REGULAR OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING  
Wednesday Oct. 26th  
SHAKEY'S - CRAYCROFT & SPEEDWAY  
Come at 6:30 --Special served at 7 p.m.

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DASH PLAQUES

Have you picked up your dash plaque? If you didn't, ask Bill Fournier. He might have a few left. Cost.....75¢ each.

NAME TAGS

Anyone who hasn't picked up the name tag he ordered, please do so. If you can't make the meeting, send Bill Fournier your check for \$3.25, and he'll mail it. If you haven't ordered one and want to, call Frank McKenna.