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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.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES of this Association are \$8.00, and CORSA membership is \$10.00. Separate membership in CORSA is \$12.00 yearly. There is an initiation fee of \$2.50 for first-time membership in TCA. Further information may be obtained by contacting any of the following officers:

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NOTES FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT:

Since the days are getting shorter, there is less time on meeting night to see other Corvairs in daylight before we start eating at 7 p.m. Let's try to be at SHAKEY's by 6:30. That will give us time to show our favorite car to our friends, and still get inside in time to eat before the meeting starts at 7:30.

In order that our club publications and Shop Manuals may be centrally located to better serve our members, JOHN NORTH has volunteered to function as Club Librarian. Elsewhere in this issue is a list of club publications and how they can be borrowed by members. As these are club property, do take care of them while they are out of the Library.

Many thanks to those who contributed articles and information for this issue.

Yours for Better Corvairing--  
--GORDON

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME to the following new members who joined in August:

BARNEY AND JOYCE GOODWIN  
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Tucson, AZ 85710

## CHECK YOUR OIL!

Arizona, land of desert--and that means a lot of dust and sand. The shop manual recommends changing your oil every 4000 miles. Considering we drive our Corvairs through so much dust, I recommend changing oil and replacing the filter every 3000 miles.

Rear Axle Oil. I have found that the greatest killer of a Corvair rear end is a lack of lubrication. The Corvair was blessed (or maybe cursed) with a vented rear end. The vent is found on the top cover and looks like a small mushroom. It was designed to keep oil vapor from building up and seeping past the clutch shaft seal which would soak the clutch disk. The manual recommends checking the rear end oil every 10,000 miles. I agree. If you notice any small leak around the rear, check it every 5,000 miles, re-filling it to the proper level. Corvair transmissions and rear ends share their oil. I have found the easiest way to fill both is to take out the transmission filler and the rear end filler and pump the oil slowly into the rear end where it will also drain into the transmission. (The manual recommends SAE 80 multi-purpose gear lubricant. I recommend SAE 120 for severe conditions.) Keep pumping until the oil starts to drain from the transmission filler plug hole. This usually amounts to a total of 5 pints.

--ACE ROYER

## FRONT ENGINE MOUNTS --

When replacing the Corvair Drive-train, be sure to check the condition of the front mounts and replace them if loose or damaged. These mounts have a direct relationship to rear wheel alignment. If the mounts are bad, no amount of shims will correct the rear wheel camber. Improper camber will wear out rear tires, making regular and frequent tire replacement necessary.

--JOHN NORTH

# TECH TIPS--



## 1964 CARBURETOR SPECIFICATIONS --

JOHN NORTH reminded me the '64 Shop Manual Supplement on the subject was in error, and that the correct specs were published in CHEVROLET SERVICE NEWS, November 1963. Bill Fisher also published the up-dated specs on page 15 of "How to Hot Rod Corvair Engines". Here is the corrected table:

1964 CORVAIR AND CORVAIR "95" CARBURETORS	PROD. CARB. NO.		VEHICLE APPLICATION	
	7024023	7024024	5-7-900 Series w/95 hp base engine (not w/Air Cond.)	5-7-900 Series w/RPO L62 110 hp engine (not w/Air Cond.)
	7024025		All engines in Corvair "95" vehicles; all 5-7-900 Series vehicles w/Air Cond.	
	3817245		Monza Spyder, Series 600 (Turbocharged)	
SPECIFICATIONS	ROCHESTER "H"			CARTER "YH" (36925)
	7024022	7024023	7024024	3817245
Float Level		1 1/8"		3/4"
Float Drop		1 3/4"		2 1/2"
Pump Rod		Index Line		--
Automatic Choke Setting		2 Turns Up from Free Entry in Lever		1 Notch Lean
Unloader		.312"		1/8"
Fast Idle Setting		.078"		--
Choke Piston Vacuum Break Adjustment		.180"-.195"		--
Main Metering Jet	.053"	.051"	.053"	.104"
Idle Speed Jet	.025"	.025"	.024"	.031"
Bowl Vents	3-Internal	2-Internal		1-Internal
Metering Rod (Size)	--			.078" .046"
Pump Discharge Jet		Two @ .022"		2 @ .026"
Throttle Bore		1 1/4"		1 1/2"
Main Venturi		1"		1 1/8"

1965 HV-model specs are similar to those in 64 table above except: float drop is 1 1/2", main jet 0.051 or 0.052, idle 0.024, and two internal vents are used with one external vent.

(We got a big charge out of the following piece by Marsh Hesler in last month's "Vairmail", published by the SAN DIEGO CORVAIR CLUB. Our thanks to them for permission to reprint it for you):



VAIRING EXPERIENCES

Marsh Hesler

THE REAL COST OF A CORSA CONVERTIBLE

May	1	Expenses on old car while shopping foreign car lots .....	\$ 22.91
	8	Flowers for wife to introduce subject of bargain Corvaire .....	12.50
	9	Evening at O'Brian's Bar after argument .....	14.75
	10	Dinner to lure wife to look at 140 Corsas Convertible .....	17.75
	10	New hairdo for wife after demonstration ride .....	14.00
	11	BOUGHT CORVAIR .....	1,250.00
	11	Scarf for wife so hair won't blow .....	.65
	13	Friend who claimed to be expert demonstrated speed shifting. New 3rd gear .....	63.65
	16	Wife purchased sweater to match CORSA Convertible .....	25.00
	18	Raced Cobra to work. Speeding ticket .....	25.00
	19	Wife purchased slacks to go with sweater that matches car .....	29.95
	20	Had car modified - added hot lifters and cam. Raced Cobra to work. Modifications and speeding ticket .....	245.00
	21	Neighbor's kid drew crayon pictures on seats and doors. Cleaning bill. ....	20.50
	22	Settled out of court for clobbering neighbor's kid .....	150.00
	23	Wife bought shoes to go with slacks that match sweater .....	19.96
	24	"Expert" friend showed me how to adjust carbs. Replaced 8 burned pistons and 16 valves .....	252.95
	26	Evening at O'Brians after argument over returning handbag wife bought to go with shoes that match slacks that match sweater that match CORSA convertible .....	14.75
	27	Raced GT-350 to work. Speeding ticket.....	25.00
	28	USA-1 plates, shoulder patches, Corvaire club decal, etc.....	13.00
	31	Had car modified for Holley 500 .....	150.00
June	6	Added all the above figures and told wife she had better economize. Evening at O'Brians .....	14.75
	12	"Expert" friend demonstrates proper cornering technique. Repairs to right front fender .....	39.50
	16	Bought racing tires, new shocks and mag wheels .....	350.00
	19	Party to placate "Expert" friend and wife after heated discussion .....	19.10
July	1	Taught wife to drive CORSA. New clutch .....	79.00
	6	Gave wife second driving lesson. Evening at O'Brians .....	14.75
Aug	2	Expenses while shopping for "good deal" on Spyder Convertible .....	31.75
	9	Found '64 Spyder Convertible at Bargain price; race ready .....	1,500.00

And so it goes.....

DASH PLAQUES

For those of you who didn't pick up your dash plaque at the last meeting, don't forget this month. We still have about ten left. If you want one, ask Bill Fournier. Cost is 75¢ each.

NAME TAGS

Hey gang! We still have twenty name tags, they represent \$60.00 of the association's money that has been spent. The only way we can recover the money is for those who ordered them to pay for them. If you can't make the meeting, send Bill Fournier a check for \$3.25 per name tag and I will send them to you. If anyone out there wants to buy a name tag, call Frank McKenna. He will have them by the next meeting.

# -Want Ads-



## CLUB LIBRARY

The Club has acquired a beginning library of material which will assist all of you backyard mechanics in keeping your car running.

Following is a list of the titles available for loan:

1961 Shop Manual

1962-63 Supplement Shop Manual

1964 Supplement Shop Manual

Chassis and Body Parts Catalogue  
eff. November, 1976

How to Keep Your Corvaire Alive  
--by Howard Finch

Clark's Corvaire Parts Catalogue  
--Gold Cover, 1977 issue

1976 VAIR TIPS -- a collection of  
Tech Tips by the SAN DIEGO  
CORVAIR CLUB

The usual library loan conditions will prevail. A book may be checked out for a week, with the option to renew for a second week.

It is suggested that if you need to keep the material on hand longer--or for your own copy--get a XEROX made of the sections.

The library is in the hands of  
JOHN NORTH, 3002 East 20th St.  
326-2086.

(This 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

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GENERAL REPAIR --with experience in and understanding of Corvaire. We repair all mechanical and electrical problems. Barney's Auto Service, 3029 No. Alvernon Way. 881-1315

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

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CORVAIR PARTS LOCATOR, Frank McKenna. 1848 S. Regina Cleri Dr. 885-8571

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

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### FOR SALE

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 Corvaire, 44FF, 46FF, and Autolite equivalents. Club members, \$1 ea. Non-members, \$1.10 ea. Call Gordon, 299-1111

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1966 MONZA CONVERTIBLE. Automatic, good tires, good top. Asking \$1500, but negotiable. Call Gordon, 299-1122.

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EVENTS COMING UP

OCTOBER -- Caravan rally to Bisbee, including picnic lunch and visit to LAVENDER PIT is being planned for around the middle of the month.

NOVEMBER -- Joint Rally of the San Diego Corvair Club and the Cactus Corvair-Corvette Club is planned in Yuma. Our Club and the Flagstaff Club are invited to participate. Get-together includes picnic, swap meet, and Gynkhana! Arrival time in Yuma, 10:30 a.m. NOVEMBER 13. More details later.

NOVEMBER -- Rally, to include a run to a Chuck-Wagon style steak dinner at a ranch in the environs of Tucson is planned near mid-month.

NOVEMBER -- Thanksgiving Weekend brings the Wheel-o-Rama at Tucson Community Center, where hundreds of beautiful cars will be on display. Club exhibits are limited to three cars. We want to participate!

1977 CONVENTION WRAP-UP

If you have any ideas that the Corvair is dead -- just listen to this excerpt from Old Cars, in its report on the Convention, assisted by Ed Hill of NCAA:

When it was all over, 1200 Corvair lovers had registered, 107 Corvairs had competed in the Concours, 652 people had been seated for the banquet and almost another 100 had to be turned away. The Autocross was run by 57 cars. A total of over 650 Corvairs had attended the 1977 CORSA National Con-

DO YOU KNOW?

Frank McKenna

Do you know when bucket seats were offered as an option in the Lakewood? Robert Does. Do you know what year seat belts were no longer an option in the Corvair and installed by the dealer? Robert Does? Do you know when the four speed was offered as an option? Robert Does.

You are probably asking yourself, "Who is Robert?". Well Robert is the young lad that I introduced at the last meeting. I met Robert one August day in the Base Exchange parking lot. He recognized me from the article that appeared in an issue of the Tucson Daily Citizen. He probably knows more about Corvairs than most of us and he is about to turn 14 years. He has read everything in the base library concerning our favorite car and has formed several opinions concerning Ralph Nader.

Robert is a Lakewood fan and he and John North have had a few discussions concerning the attributes of the "ugly duckling" of the Corvair family. (My opinion John, but I still like the paint job.) Robert has established an intelligence net that has been very successful in locating Corvairs in the local area. He has found them in places I would never think of looking. He seems to be partial to early

models and therefore I won't give out his phone number. However, I will sift his inputs and make all the information on the late models available.

You know, John North and I were talking one day about who would be the Corvair owners and restorers after we had lost interest, if we ever do. I guess it will be fellows like Robert, so lets save him a couple of Lakewoods.

Want Ads, cont.

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

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

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

Tucson Corvair Association  
Minutes Of Meeting  
August 24, 1977



The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Cauble. Members and guests gave self-introductions.

Flowers were sent from the Corvair Club to Mrs. Bill Fournier who was in the hospital. Mrs. Fournier sent a nice thank-you card which was read at the meeting.

Tech Tips, given by Ace Royer, informed us to check our oil every 3000 miles and a discussion followed on types of oil to use.

The treasurers report was given by John North due to the absence of Bill Fournier. For July, \$91.88 was paid out. \$63.00 was taken in, leaving a balance of \$254.25.

Frank McKenna had Corvair name tags available for those who ordered them. You may still see Frank if you wish to order one. The cost is \$3.25.

Minutes of last meeting, July, 1977, were approved as printed in *Corvairsation*.

Many thanks and our deep appreciation were given to John North for editing the *Corvairsation* last year.

The aluminum can drive shows a balance of \$74.13 collected as of the end of July.

A member of the Tucson Timing Association was present. He informed us that this year the Wheelorama at the Community Center will start on Thanksgiving and last four days. The automobile clubs in town will be able to have three entries in the show.

It was decided by a vote to have a September run to Colossal Cave. There will be no picnic on this outing. The cost is Adults: \$1.50, Teens: \$1.00, Children: \$.50 (under 10). The trip will be Sunday, September 18. The time and location to meet will be sent thru the mail.

Intermission for sale of tickets for grab bag. Gertrude King won the grab bag. \$18.00 was collected from sale of tickets.

Frank McKenna showed slides of the July run to Phoenix and of the Corvair convention in Minnesota.

Belt buckles were presented to last years officers: Pres. Frank McKenna, Vice Pres. John Dilawro, Sec. Mark McKenna and Tres. Chris Cunningham.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL



SEPTEMBER MEETING

AT SHAKEY'S PIZZA PARLOR, Craycroft and Speedway on 28 September.  
Serving time is 7 p.m. All you can eat for \$2.00 plus beverage.  
Meeting starts approximately 7:30 p.m. Join us for the meeting  
even though you have eaten. SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT SEE YOUR CORVAIR,  
or that you may see someone else's, be there early!

WE START GATHERING ABOUT 6:30. FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME!

CAN MAN COMMENTS -- What I like about the Corvair Association meeting being held at SHAKEY'S PIZZA PARLOR is the central location for all members of the club. The idea is to get the family out together and have a meal, and to get together with our friends and see the cars. Let's have more cars brought to the meetings..OK?

IT TAKES ME two days to get ready for the meetings. If Frank McKenna is not after me, it's Marilyn about my dirty '69...and why don't I drive my '64 convertible Spyder. Well, it needs paint--and I know the person to do the job--Ace Royer. I hope mine is the first car Ace does for the club--that is, if my car is ready. Who will be the judge?

LAST MEETING WE DROVE like h--- from Lake Havasu to make the meeting. (How many have driven 300 miles to make a Corvair meeting?) What I'm saying is--let's all come to the meetings, express our ideas and enjoy the meal. How can we go wrong? Chicken, pizza, spaghetti--all for only \$2.00!

10-4 BRYAN LYNCH Az Can Man