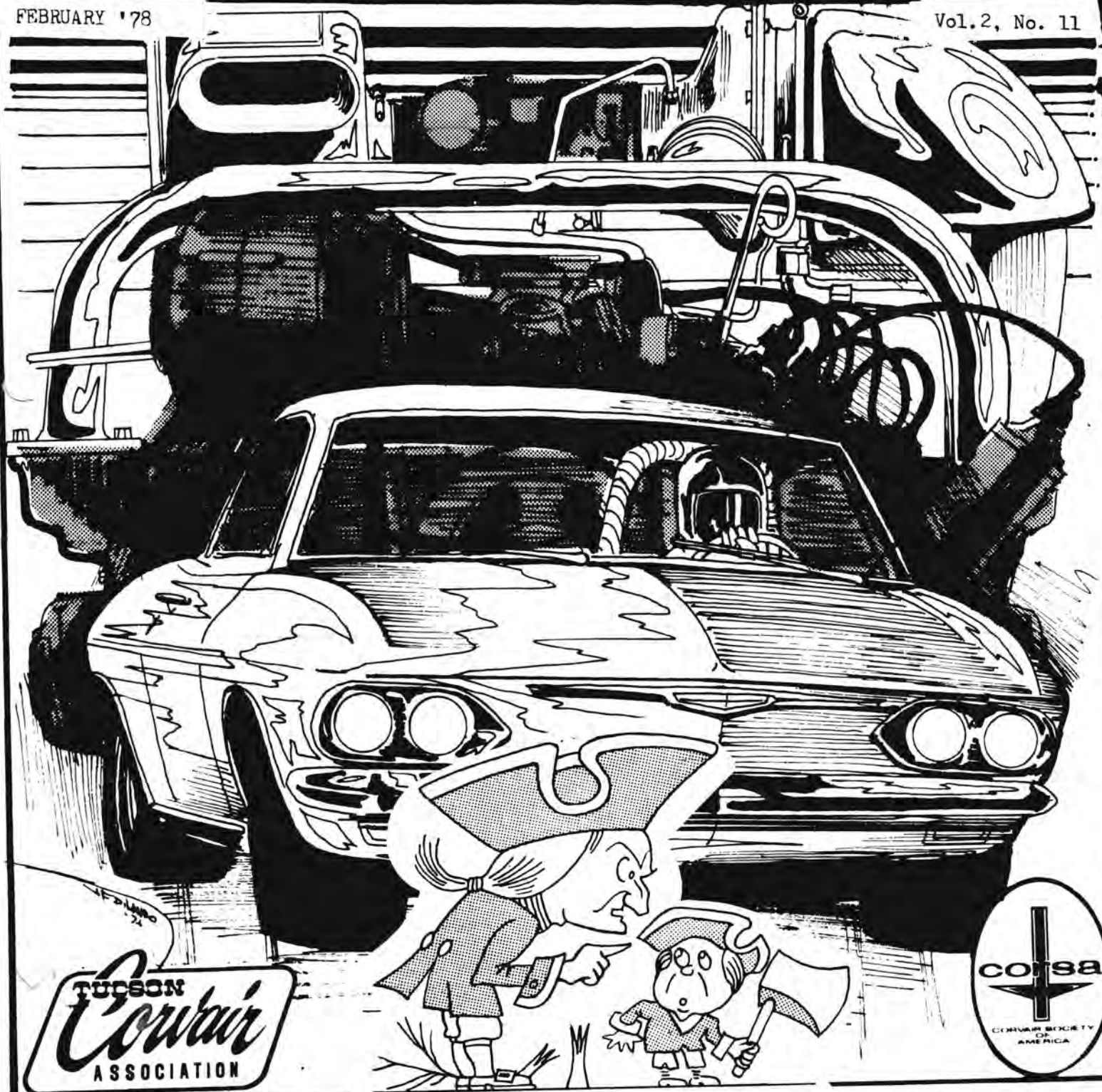


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Tucson Corvair Association is a chartered chapter of CORSA, Corvair Society of America. The Association holds regular meetings monthly on the 4th Wednesday, and has additional social or Corvair related activities each month.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF THIS ASSOCIATION are \$8.00, and on initial joining, there is an additional fee of \$2.50. CORSA membership is \$12 per year. CORSA membership or renewal is accomplished directly between individuals and CORSA, Inc., P.O.Box 5890, Sarasota, FL, 33579. Phone (813) 365-0070.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Thanks to BILL FISHER, author of "How to Hot Rod Corvair Engines" for donating to TCA three books for use as prizes at our Club functions.

Bill is president of H P Books, which publishes books on automotive subjects.

Thanks to our dependable, hard-working ALAN ATWOOD for the great help he's giving us in preparing our Club mailing list, rosters, and for taking care of mailing CORVAIRSATION to all our members.

--Gordon

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VAIRY TALES

February 25, 1977 was Snyder Day for the Can Man. I finally bought a Snyder convertible after scouring carports and backyards for six months. When I found it--well, you know the feeling...New radials, new top, engine complete and running, upholstery fair, paint so-so. I was excited and approached the owner, hoping he didn't know what he had. He did. His price was a bit high, so I made him an offer. He didn't say yea or nay. I suggested that he run an ad in the paper. I watched the ad for several weeks, hoping prospective buyers wouldn't know its worth, and not pay the price he was asking. When I didn't see the ad one week, I had a few anxious moments wondering who bought it. I had to call. He said it was still waiting for me, but once again he didn't say yes or no about my offer. I kept in touch during November and December. Sure enough, no buyers.

Finally I decided I had procrastinated long enough. I was hooked, and called up Mr. Corvair, Frank McKenna, and asked him to take a look. Marylyn opened the safe and took out the old dusty checkbook. I knew then that I had won 90% of the battle.

When I went to pick up Frank, and drove up in my Vette wearing a tie, he said "The car is going to cost you another \$300." Well, we drove up and looked the car over. Frank asked if I had driven the car--and when I said "No," he convinced me that we should. All this time,

the owner was watching with a strange look on his face. You would have thought we were buying a Rolls Royce. We took it for a spin. It was the first 4 speed I had driven in many years. I felt like I was taking my first driver's test. Frank said "Sounds good". Hell I was having so much trouble finding the gears and the clutch pedal, I would have believed anything. It ran fine, and we returned to the owner's house. I asked the owner once again what he wanted for the car. He said "I've told you 10 times in the last 5 months what I wanted." Well, I started walking back to my car, and Frank said-- "Bryan, write that guy a check and let's take this car home." Guess what?? I paid him the same price he asked 5 months ago. So much for 5 months of Tums, anxiety and procrastination. Guess who drove home? Frank McKenna. He didn't like the way I drove it during the test drive.

--BRYAN LYNCH
The Az Can Man

MEMBERS DUE FOR CLUB RENEWAL--check the expiration date of your membership card:

FEB: Alan Atwood
Ron Carey
Gordon Cauble
Don Chastain
Chris Cunningham
Darrel Hayhurst
Bryan Lynch
Jack Martin
Bob Willis

MAR: Walter Mathis
Tom Moore
Warren Palmer
Chuck Pettis
Lee Vader



Members whose dues are unpaid after 2 months will be dropped from membership and CORVAIRSACTION mailing. Send your renewal check to Bill Fournier, Treasurer, or see him at the next meeting!

BILL FOURNIER
Treas., TCA

TECH TIPS



TECH TIPS this month include several published in the San Diego Corvair Club's VAIRMAIL:

BATTERY SAFETY TIP

Whenever you disconnect your car's battery, unhook the ground terminal first. Then there's no danger of sparks if you accidentally touch your wrench to the chassis.

--Corby Somerville, SDCC

RUBBER MOLDING RESTORATION

Has that molding for your doors and other areas got you stumped as to how to clean the paint overspray off and make them look clean and new? Here's a way to do it---buy yourself a bottle of black liquid Shinola leather dye and apply to the rubber molding. It will cover anything--old paint, marks, etc. After dye is dry, apply "Armor-All" and it will look like brand new.

--Cathy Allsop, SDCC

LATE MODEL AIR CLEANER WINGNUTS TIP

For convenience, replace the elastic stop nuts (on the air cleaner "J" hooks) with wingnuts. This eliminates the need for a wrench to remove the air cleaner branch tubes.

--Corby Somerville, SDCC



1978 CORSA CONVENTION REPORT by Marline Holloway

FUN THINGS TO DO IN SAN DIEGO

Are you interested in golf, tennis, bicycling, swimming and surfing, or deep-sea fishing? Too much activity, you say? Well then, may we suggest:

- *Art galleries and museums
- *The world's largest zoo, or
- *A walk through old Spanish Missions
- *A scenic drive in your Corvair to North San Diego County to visit the wineries with wine tasting rooms, vineyards, and avocado and orange groves
- *A leisurely drive out on Point Loma with its historic lighthouse, a spectacular view from Mexico to the LA coastline
- *A walking tour of San Diego's Old Town with its many antique shops and attractions
- *A visit down south to Mexico with its many shops and bazaars and colorful old-world charm

As you can see, San Diego offers a wide variety of sights and activities for all. **PLAN NOW TO ARRANGE YOUR VACATION AROUND San Diego's CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION, July 20-23, 1978.**

Send for your pre-registration info package by sending your return address and \$1.00 to cover postage and handling to:

The San Diego Corvair Club
PO Box 23172
San Diego, Cal 92123
ATT: Registration Committee

CLARK'S CORVAIR PARTS IN THE NEWS

Of interest to all of us are these excerpts from the Buffalo, NY Evening News of January 1, 1978 about our friends at Clark's Corvair Parts, and written by Rick Hampson:

Cal and Joan Clark live surrounded by fenders, carburetors and fuel pumps in their home in this rural town in Western Massachusetts, (Shelburne Falls), and they say they have trouble keeping up with demand for Corvair parts.

"We both learned to drive on Corvairs", said Mrs. Clark, 28. "It handles beautifully and is good on gas" said Mr. Clark, 30, who gave up teaching high school biology to supply the world's Corvair freaks.

The Clark house is filled with boxes of auto parts. "They're in every room except the bathroom--and I think there are even some batteries in there" Mrs. Clark said.

The Clarks' catalog has grown from containing 160 to about 3,500 items. Some 7,000 people around the world are on the mailing list. The Clarks have 2 full-time employees and 7 part-time workers.

The Clarks get 80 percent of their parts from General Motors, which built the Corvair from 1960-1969. They produce some items, like carpets and gaskets, themselves.

It's strictly a mail-order business; drop-ins are frowned on. "We allowed it at first" Mr Clark said, "but people were coming here all the time--on holidays, weekends, at night."

-Classified Ads-

WANTED: One late model wire wheel cover, less spinner, in good condition. One 1966 or later Monza wheel cover in good condition. Call Bryan, 297-0987.

PAINTING DONE: Also, many parts for '60-'69. Call Ace, anytime after 3 p.m. weekdays, or SAT-SUN. 882-4483.

WANTED: Driver to take Rampside to Monterey, Cal. Ted Lloyd's Corvair at Jerry Bishop's. Call Gordon, 299-1122.



**-SPECIAL-
NEW LIFTERS..... \$2.25 ea.**

Barney's Auto Service

3029 N. Alvernon Way
881-1315

TCA MEMBERS KNOW.....IT'S THE PLACE TO GO!

FOUR A78-13 tires, almost new, \$48. Pair '61 heads, complete with valve job. Frank, 885-8571.

'67 MONZA COUPE 140 HP Engine, Mag Wheels & Radials. Maroon. \$1300 or trade. Randy, 623-7196.

FOR SALE--AIR FILTERS (A-C) Dual \$6.75 or; Single \$4.55 ea; 44FF and 46FF spark plugs; carburetor shaft seals; many other parts & accessories. Gordon. 299-1122.

1964 TRUCK CRANKCASE with reground crankshaft and new camshaft installed. Also have rods and bearings. Frank, 885-8571.

FOR SALE: Complete transaxles. Early & late. Three & four sp. Some 3.89 gears, 3.27 & 3.55. John, 326-2086.

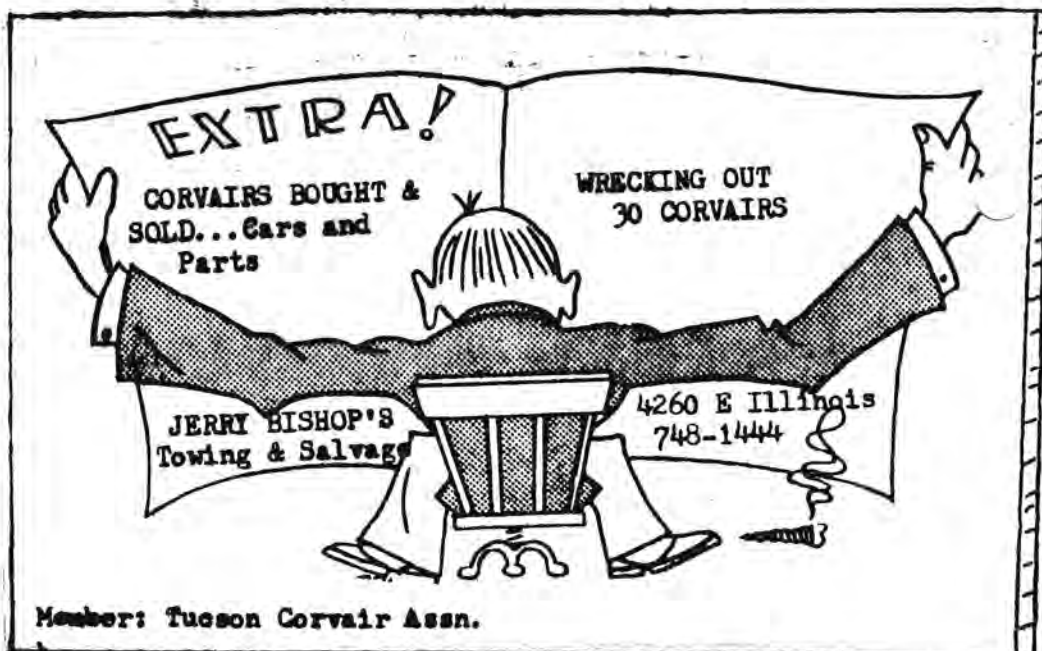
EARLY '60-'63 3 sp gear box, new and never installed in a car. John. 326-2086.

FOR SALE: '65 3:55 differential. Guaranteed good. \$65. Ace. 882-4483.

FOR SALE: Early 4 sp transmission, \$50. Ace. 882-4483.

HYDRAULIC TOP MOTOR, lines & actuator. \$40. Frank. 885-8571.

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



WHAT KIND ARE YOU? (Reprinted from Western Penn. Corvair Club Newsletter)

Are you an Active Member--the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name be on the list?
Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock?
Or do you just stay home--and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be one to just belong?
Do you ever voluntarily help at the guiding stick?
Or leave the work to just a few--and talk about "the clique"?
Come out to the meeting, and help with hand and head.
Don't be just a member--take an active part instead.
Think this over, member, you know right from wrong.
Are you an active member? Do you really belong?

LOOKING AHEAD

--- IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS ---

- 22 FEBRUARY -- Regular monthly meeting at Village Inn Pizza Parlor.
- 12 MARCH -- Corvairs to Madeira Canyon, departing Randolph Park 1 p.m. View 2 mines enroute with stop at Green Valley, ending up at the Canyon.
- 22 MARCH -- Monthly meeting.
- 31 MARCH - 2 APRIL -- Phoenix Cactus Club Mini-Convention (details elsewhere in this issue.)
- 26 APRIL -- Regular monthly meeting.
- 20, 21, 22, & 23 JULY -- CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION in San Diego, California. Full details elsewhere in this issue.



It's still a very good year!

For the connoisseurs of automotive excellence who still fondly maintain the most distinctive Chevrolet ever built, Matthews Chevrolet, Tucson's most distinctive automobile dealer, would like you to know that your good taste in automobiles has not been forgotten.

Matthews still maintains an extensive inventory of Corvair parts and accessories, and our service department continues to service all models of Corvairs with tender loving care.

No matter what model Corvair you own
...at Matthews, it's still a very
good year!
Honestly!



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FIRST CLASS MAIL



WEDNESDAY, February 22, '78

Regular Monthly Meeting

VILLAGE INN PIZZA PARLOR
7855 E Golf Links

Dinner is served at 7 p.m. Special is ALL YOU CAN EAT for \$3.
Spaghetti, Pizza and a nice salad bar.

SPECIAL THIS MONTH--DOUBLE OFFERING OF GRAB BAG AND DOOR PRIZES!!!

Friends & Family welcome!

Come early and show your Corvair!

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SUNDAY, 12 MARCH '78 -- CORVAIRS TO MADEIRA CANYON. Depart from Randolph Park at 1 p.m. View 2 mines enroute, stopping by Green Valley on the way to the Canyon. Save the afternoon!!

WEEKEND OF

MARCH 31, APRIL 1 AND APRIL 2, 1978

Cactus Corvair Club of Phoenix is planning a regional Mini-Convention on the above dates.

In addition to a Concours d'Elegance and a typically outstanding 'Cactus created' Slalom, there will be a Gymkhana, Scenic tours of some historical and unique points of interest, a Swaomeet, and a Banquet.

Registration will be open to all Corvair enthusiasts. Want to have information packet and registration forms? Send \$1 as soon as possible to CONVENTION REGISTRAR, 3229 E. Yale, Phoenix, Az. 85008.