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Conversation



" LET'S CHECK THIS OUT ! "





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TCA REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 26, 1982

Meeting was called to order by the President, Ed Sanford, at 7:40 p.m. at the Filling Station Restaurant, 6934 E. Tanque Verde Road.

Present: 53 Corvairs: 22

The minutes of April 28, 1982 regular meeting were approved as published in the Corvairsation.

Ed Carey, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand as of May 1, 1982 of \$1955.74.

Georgia Lewis, Membership Chairman, reported TCA has approximately 150 members. Monthly membership expirations will be published in the Corvairsation and you may mail your dues to Georgia at 6657 E. 17th., Tucson 85710, or pay her at the TCA meeting.

Can Project: Committee Chairman was unable to attend the meeting. Frank McKenna suggested the Can Report be put in the Corvairsation and state who has contributed and the amount. Frank stated he would take any cans that were brought to the meeting tonight.

Vice-President, Van Pershing, reported the mid-month activity would be a picnic, fun and games at Justin's Water World on June 20th. Meet at Vicki Wayne's at 9:30 a.m. The fee is \$2.95 except children 5 years and under are free. Van passed out a questionnaire to the members for their input on future activities. Also emphasized that guests are welcome in these mid-month activities.

New members and visitors introduced themselves.

Frank McKenna queried as to what we were going to spend some of the TCA monies for. Discussion was held and the board will discuss the various suggestions brought up and report at the next meeting.

Barry Cunningham, who works for Desert Rats, has sun shields with the Corvair name printed on them for sale.

Dave and Gale Albani, from the Phoenix Corvair Assn., were introduced. Mr. Albani expressed his sincere appreciation for the part our members had in the recent Mini-Convention and presented TCA with a check for \$270.00.

Slides were shown of the Concourse in the Phoenix Mini-Convention. Mr. Albani also presented some slides to TCA taken at the Mini-Convention.

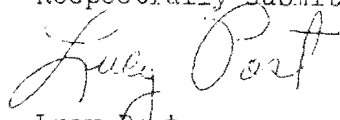
Gordon Cauble stated he had some American Corvair Parts Catalog with supplements for \$2.00 if anyone was interested.

After break, grab bag and door prizes were given with the winners being Frank McKenna, Carol Sanford, Fred Zimmerman, Gordon Cauble, Dr. Neil Clements and George Freeh. Donors were Tucson Corvair Association and Barney's Auto Service.

Stories, sale items and technical tip sessions followed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucy Post
Recording Secretary

Big Ed Sez----

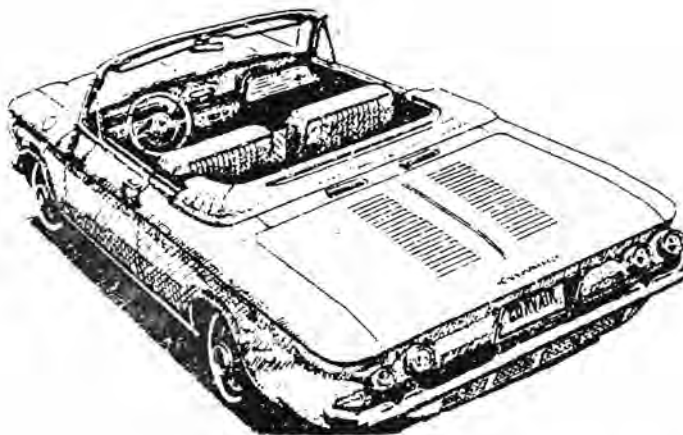
Graduation time. One from college and one from high school. With the kids all gone (well, almost gone-) Sweet Ol'Carole and I will rattle around inside this empty old house. One way to look at it, we aren't lo sing sons, we're gaining parking places----

At the Board of Directors meeting it was decided to purchase the raw material to make "fuzzies", and resell it through the Merchandising outlet. The way it looks now, you will be able to buy enough to do one car for about \$ 20.00. It seems to require a reasonable amount of care to fabricate these items, but my guess is that many of our members will be able to handle the job with little sweat. More news (hopefully) at the next meeting.

The receipt of a check for \$270.00 from Cactus Corvair Club has prompted the Board to partially reimburse those club members who went to the Mini-Convention and served as concours judges. Ten dollar checks have been mailed. (Those who showed cars were excluded from this reimbursement.)

Say What! Oil pressure light?! Better pull in and check it out--

See you at the meeting ----



We're on our way

On Sunday May 16th, after a few minutes of intensive preparation the week before, our stalwart TCA Tuneup Clinic team dragged their weary bodies to Jesse Owens Park. Fortunately those requesting tuneups were even less energetic with the fingers of one hand sufficing to count them (if you have six-fingered hands). After several hours of B.S., picnic, and Alloy/Cauble swapmeeting, occasionally interrupted by a front end, safety check or carb and timing adjustment, the crowd dispersed.

The resounding turnout's unmistakeable message seemed to be "Once a king , always a king, but tuning up once a year is enough". Or maybe next time- with the confidence borne of more organization and preparation we will have to advertise and try to get some of those Corvairs around town driven by non-TCA members to come down and give us a try.

Let's hope that next month's mid-month makes more of a "splash".

Dave Martin

Yes, Virginia, there is a TCA library. And since it's in my house I use it regularly. No one else seems to need it, or maybe no one else knows we have one.

The shop manuals 1960-69 of course are the heart of our holdings. We also have Clark's, American Corvair Parts, Bill Cotrofeld and GM 60-69 Body and Chassis Parts catalogs. The Corvair Decade, How to Keep Your Corvair Alive, and early Corsa Windmills and Corsa Communiques all make interesting leisure reading. Corsa Member Rosters are available for your vacation trips and are highly recommended. Bob Helt's Corvair Reference Guide is an index to magazine articles, reviews and road tests by model year and would be very valuable to the historian, restorer or modifier. We also have a couple of general automotive repair books.

If any of these whetted your appetite you can reach me at 884-7785 or leave a message at 792-3474 days or anytime at 792-1910. I'm sure someone besides me can benefit from all that knowledge- try it.

Dave Martin

SHAMEFUL!! SHOCKING!! UNBELIEVABLE!! SCANDALOUS !!

According to the latest CORSA listing not all TCA members are CORSA members! A reminder... In order to enjoy full TCA privileges (this includes attending TCA meetings & events, and have access to technical help, national membership is also required. These subscription members (Corvairsation only) are:

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| Henry J. Lannoo | |

I realize some of you have mailed Corvair Association of America your applications and your names should soon appear on the CORSA listing which we receive periodically.

If you wish me to mail you an application, please ask me for one at the next meeting or call me at 747-1692 or 790-2100. If you are a member through another chapter, please advise your membership number.

Georgia Lewis
Membership Chairman

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS IN JUNE: Fred Johnson
Richard E. Schreiner

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance on 5/1/'82 | \$1955.74 |
| Income | 446.25 |
| Expenses | 156.14 |
| Balance on 6/1/'82 | \$2245.85 |

Ed Carey

MID-MONTH ACTIVITY SURVEY RESULTS

by Van Pershing

At the last (May) club meeting a small survey was conducted to try and determine what the club membership wanted to see for Mid-Month Activities. A total of 27 survey sheets were returned for tabulation and the following is how the lots were cast:

Activities which received "First Choice" votes:

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| 1. Picnic-type outing | 7 |
| 2. Competition-type events | 6 |
| 3. Tune-up or technical clinics | 6 |
| 4. Sight-seeing trips | 5 |

If we weigh all the choices (1st thru 5th) and assign points we come up with the following results:

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| 1. Picnic-type outing | 86 pts |
| 2. Tune-up or other tech clinics | 74 pts |
| 3. Sight-seeing trips | 61 pts |
| 4. Competition events | 56 pts |
| 5. Intra-Club cars shows | 37 pts |

As for what day we should hold club activities, the votes were cast as follows:

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| 1. Some on Saturdays & Some on Sundays | 14 |
| 2. No preference | 8 |
| 3. Sundays only | 3 |
| 4. Saturdays only | 2 |

There were several who liked Rose Canyon, economy runs and tune-up clinics as favorite past activities and many who simply enjoyed everything we have done. There were also some good ideas submitted for activities you would like to have.

All in all, the survey has given some good input and we'll do our very best to plan activities that will be enjoyable to all. As the old saying goes: "You can please some of the people all of the time, etc, etc.". Well we will be sure to please all of the people at least some of the time and hopefully more. Of course, if you're like some of us, it doesn't really matter as long as there is a Corvair around some place.



TECH NOTES

"Dad, you've got no stoplights!"

Blast. What's with this car? Put on troubleshooting hat. Turn on ignition and check turn signals. They work, so bulbs and wiring to rear of car are OK. Move to under dash. Hook up light-on-pigtails. 12 volts on hot side - check other side. Push brake pedal - yep, it lights, so switch is OK. Disconnect connectors to turn signal - power goes in, but doesn't come out. Double Blast. Plan A, replace turn signal switch. Check Clarks for price. GASP. Plan B, repair existing switch. Remove steering wheel, etc, etc, and finally remove switch. Check for continuity with ohmmeter. Hm - continuity through turn signal switches is OK, but nothing through brake light terminal. Nothing is broke - Oh, well pull out contacts and clean and try again. Hm - still nothing. It seems as though that little brake light terminal is cruddy - cruddy? Picture me hanging head in shame. A few gentle strokes with a swiss needle file got rid of the epoxy, and the switch was fully operational again. Put it all back together and smile at the operational brake lights.

Epoxy? Yep - a couple of weeks ago the turn signal switch broke, and I fixed it with epoxy, while it was still mounted in the car. Excess epoxy squeezed out the back of the cancelling arm, and a (really) small amount made contact. Not enough to lock up the arm so it couldn't move, but obviously enough to insulate the brake light terminal. I checked it right after the repair, and it worked (the brake lights), but maybe the epoxy migrated, or a sliver broke off, or who knows - Moral: when signal cancelling arm breaks, and repair is decided upon, remove switch from car to repair.

Ed Sanford

Ed. Note;

This is a very good example of an interesting experience. It makes for a tech note with some valuable points on checking out those problems we Corvair owners run into from time to time. May we have some more such from some others of our club, for publication in the Corvairsation, for the enjoyment and edification of the whole group? Please send your experiences and ideas to the editors, thank you,

Lera and Lou Lage

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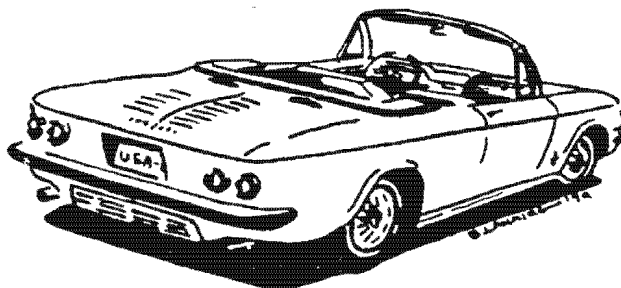
'61 4 Dr, auto, engine rebuilt,
upholstery bad, needs paint, \$500.
Bob Duke, 17065 W El Tiro, Marana.
From I 10 take Avra Valley Rd W to
Trico to El Tiro, left on El Tiro
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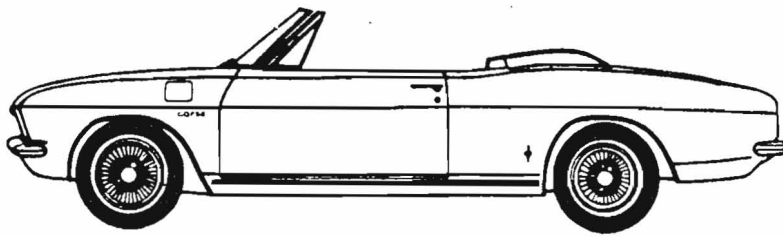
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Stolen Apr. 20 1982. 1960 Corvair 700 Coupe. White on top, turquoise
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- *THE PLACE THE FILLING STATION 6934 E TANQUE VERDE RD.
- *THE TIME June 23rd 6:30 pm MEAL SERVED AT 7:00pm
- *THE MENU A VARIED MENU NOW.
- *THE COST REASONABLE

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COMING EVENTS:

Regular meeting is on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

MID-MONTH ACTIVITY FOR JULY IS
UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. COME TO
THE MEETING TO FIND OUT.