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TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

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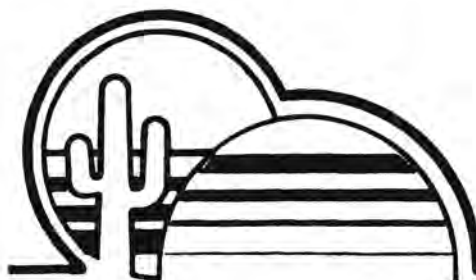
You've made it to the top of your field.  
You deserve a car at the top of its field.  
A car that says you have indeed arrived.

## ONE OF THE FABULOUS

Where have all  
those *Vairs* gone?

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## TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

CORVAIRSATION is the monthly Newsletter of the TUCSON CORVAIR ASSN, and we are dedicated to the preservation thru restoration of the CORVAIR line of Chevrolet Automobiles and Trucks. The T.C.A. is a Chartered Chapter of the CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA ( CORSA ).

MONTHLY MEETINGS Are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month and one additional social/technical meeting is planned per month.

MEMBERSHIP DUES Are \$10.00 per year, payable to T.C.A. thru our membership chairman. Members receive a \$1.00 discount on their dues if they are also members of CORSA.

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# Main Bearing

.....A Message from the President

This is the last time I will be addressing you on this page of this publication for a long time. This space will be filled by our new president, Bob Gay for the next year. I sincerely hope that everyone will support Bob and all the New Officers in fine fashion. I personally think we have a fine bunch in there this time and I look for great things to happen.

This past year has been an interesting one for the club. Some good things happened and some not-so-good things happened. One thing I found out was that it is impossible to be all things to all people - both in and out of the club. Another thing I discovered was that our club enjoys socializing a lot and doing activities a little! I was really tough trying to understand which direction to try make things go. I guess that's okay as long as the majority is happy with the way things are. I think that if everyone in the club had to serve one term as President, the club would be a lot better mainly because everyone would realize how important it is to have the support of each and every individual in the club. We have a fresh crew on board now, so let's all pitch in so that this next year will be the best we've ever had!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those precious few who did what they could to make things go for us this year. We'll have some interesting things to do this year, not the least of which will be to figure out how to make the money come in a little quicker than it goes out - in short, how do we stop a negative cash flow without raising dues? Any suggestions????

See you all on March 28th for our First Annual March Meeting!!!



THANK YOU!!

T.C.A. WANTS TO THANK ANGIE TAIT FOR PRINTING THE NEW ROSTER AND THE NEW ADDRESS LABELS FOR THE CLUB. I HEAR DAVE ALSO HELPED. THANKS AGAIN TO BOTH OF YOU, THE CLUB APPRECIATES ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE DONE AND WE WILL MISS BOTH OF YOU. WE HAVE ENOUGH LABELS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, THEN WE WILL NEED SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THAT JOB. ANYONE INTERESTED?

# Rally Point

TCA REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, February 22, 1984. The meeting was called to order by President, Van Pershing, 7:30 p.m., at the Filling Station Restaurant, 6934 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

PRESENT: 50      CORVAIRS: 20

The minutes of the January 25, 1984 regular meeting were approved as published in the Corvairsation.

Visitors and new members were introduced.

Super Chevy Sunday is March 4th at the Firebird Raceway in Phoenix, AZ. There will be an All Chevy Day, March 11, 1984 in Phoenix sponsored by the Cactus Corvair Club. Van has flyers on these two events for further information for those interested.

TCA members and Cosworth Vega Club guests will meet at 11:00 p.m. at the Desert Air Museum for the tour of the museum followed by a picnic at the Saguaro National Monument.

House Bill #2285. Article 9. "The transfer of a vehicle was previously registered as a historical vehicle, classic car or horseless carriage." We are hoping to amend #9 to read, "Any vehicle eligible for classification as a historical vehicle, etc." While this will not wipe out the effects of the 4% tax, it would list - "Hobby Cars will be exempt." Members should call their Representatives and Senators concerning this.

Dave Thompson, Chairman of the Park Mall Corvair Show, February 25-26, announced there would be at least 16 Corvairs in the show.

Sheri Wilcox presented TCA with a lovely latch hook rug with the Corvair Emblem on it to be displayed at the TCA meetings.

Following break, the license plate and grab bag prizes were won by: Craig Avery, Robert Eggers, Lucy Post, Fred Zimmermann, Harriet Angus, Harry Ransom and Gordon Cauble.

Bryan & Marylyn Lynch, lifetime members of TCA, were guests from Las Vegas, Nev.

Tom Schrum, President of the Cactus Corvair Club of Phoenix, invited TCA members to the Mini-Convention April 27, 28 & 29, 1984, headquartered at Rodeway Inn, Metrocenter, Phoenix, AZ. Harry Bennett, Concours Chairman, would like some TCA members to be judges at the concours. Those interested see him after the meeting.

The following officers were elected for the 1984-85 term: Bob Gay, President; Bob Wilcox, Vice-President; Lucy Post, Recording Secretary; Alan Atwood, Treasurer; Dave Thompson, Member at Large-Board of Directors.

Buy and sell items followed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Post  
Recording Secretary





New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts  
A Chapter of the Corvair Society of America

## CONVENTION OUTLINE '84: ENJOY N.J!

by Dave Tilton

Although we are in the midst of winter, if you are like us in the New Jersey Association of Corvair Enthusiasts, you are already dreaming about and planning for "Corvairing" this summer. As host club for the 1984 CORSA National Convention, NJACE is deeply and excitedly involved in the planning for what promises to be a most fun-filled and gratifying event for all you Corvair addicts.

Parsippany, New Jersey is nestled adjacent to Interstate Highways 80 and 287 near Morristown, is 20 minutes from midtown Manhattan, yet is only a short distance from some of the most beautiful rural areas in the East. Within easy (Corvair) driving range is George Washington's winter encampment at Jockey Hollow, the Statue of Liberty, the beautiful Jersey Shore, Atlantic City and its casinos, the Pine Barrens wilderness, Six Flags' Great Adventure Park, and myriad other attractions well worth visiting. The Parsippany Hilton, host hotel for the Convention, is close to so many fascinating places that no one will be left wanting for activities.

The Convention will officially kick off on Thursday, July 26, with an unusual and multi-faceted road rally through the northern New Jersey countryside. Classification for entrants in later events will also be taking place. During the evening, the annual membership meeting will be followed by a "theme dinner" still in the planning stages.

Friday, July 27, will be jam-packed. There will be the against-the-clock autocross. Classification periods will again be held for the activities of the next day. And then, Conventioneers will be offered the choice of two tours -- one a trip to the casinos of Atlantic City, the other a boat cruise around New York City (the latter intended for families with children).

The Concours will be held on Saturday, July 28, and will be joined by the all-new People's Choice Car Show for "street driven" Corvairs. The Model Car Concours will be judged, and the "Olympiad" for Corvair-oriented sports will take place. The culmination of the Convention will be the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, complete with computer-assisted Concours tabulation.

During the entire three days of the Convention, tech sessions will be held, Corvair vendors will have those sought-after parts on display, a swap meet will take place, and a special "For Sale" parking area will be set aside. Plus, time will be allotted for the meetings of the specialty groups within CORSA, such as Corvanatics.

As if all this weren't enough, an itinerary of events for CORSA members and friends on Wednesday, July 25, is being planned, to accomodate those who wish to come early and participate for a full four days. At this time, we are working on a tour to a top-rated Broadway show.

Watch upcoming issues of the CORSA COMMUNIQUE and this page for further specifics as NJACE works to help you truly "Enjoy N.J." And if you have any suggestions or questions, please contact the Convention Chairman, Bob Shelberg, at P.O. Box 431, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07507.

# PARK MALL '84

WATCH FOR PHOTOS  
NEXT MONTH!

ANOTHER PARK MALL SHOW HERE AND GONE. PARK MALL 1984 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS (I THINK), BUT ONLY BECAUSE WE ALL PITCHED IN AND MADE IT THAT WAY. MY THANKS ONCE AGAIN FOR EVERYONE WHO PUT A CORVAIR IN AND HELPED VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. WE HAD 16 BEAUTIFUL GEMS ON DISPLAY FOR THE PUBLIC TO DROOL OVER AND THE PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

## LATE MODELS:

1. '66 CORSA COUPE --- MACK POST --- 24 VOTES
2. '66 MONZA COUPE --- JIM SANFORD --- 8 VOTES
3. '66 MONZA COUPE --- DAVE THOMPSON --- 7 VOTES

## EARLY MODELS:

1. '64 SPYDER COUPE --- JIM WRIGHT --- 12 VOTES
2. '61 LAKEWOOD --- VAN PERSHING --- 8 VOTES
3. '63 CONVERTIBLE --- DALE WEBB --- 6 VOTES

IF FRANK MCKENNA WISHES NOT TO DISQUALIFY HIS '64 SPYDER CONVERTIBLE, THEN HE WINS THE EARLY DIVISION WITH 60 VOTES. (WAY TO GO FRANK).

UNTIL NEXT YEAR; KEEP EM LOOKIN' PRETTY AND WE'LL DO IT AGAIN.

DAVE THOMPSON

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

### DUES DUE IN FEBRUARY

THOMAS LACASCIO  
THOMAS MORGAN  
AL AGULAR  
JIM GUGGERTY  
WALTER WILSON

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LEON MAZZA  
DALE WEBB

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION AND MAIL TO BOB THOMPSON AT 619 S. MOUNTVALE DR. TUCSON, AZ. 85710.

As you know, Bob Thompson, the membership chairman has been transferred by I.B.M. to Charolette, North Carolina. He is now working in Boca Raton, Fl. until July or Aug. when the job moves to Charolette permanently. I will continue to mail out the Corvairsations and collect club dues until someone else volunteers for the job, or until the end of May.

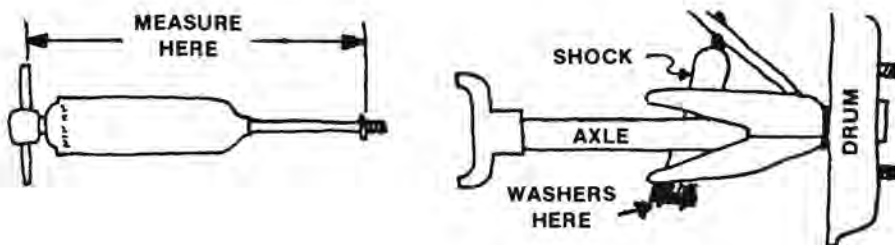
Jan Thompson

## Maybe not so SHOCKING after all .....

In the January 1984 issue of the Corsa Communique, Larry Claypool submitted an article entitled "Shocking facts about replacement shocks". In the article he stated that the shock length was very critical on early model cars and all Greenbrier/Corvans because the shock is the only thing that stops the travel of the rear suspension when its on its downward stroke. He went into some detail about the angles of travel, etc., etc. which was very informative. One point that he made was with regard to the length of the shock as measured in the sketch below. "The correct extended length", he stated, "is 12 3/4" for early cars and 13 1/4" for trucks." He then went on to say that if the shocks were too long that washers could be installed between the lower control arm and the mounting flange of the shock (also shown in the sketch below.)

With information in hand, I started shopping for shocks. I looked and looked and nowhere could I find anything that met my criteria. So I pulled the old shocks off the Lakewood to see what was there. The car showed 80,000 miles and had been setting for the past 10 years, so the shocks on the 1961 car were really only 11 years old if they were the OEM issue. They were so worn that by simply turning them upside down the shafts would fully extend. They were Delco and I believe they were the shocks that were installed at the factory. If they weren't, they were certainly the correct replacement because they were still available in those days. They measured an even 14". I then found a set of Delco Pleasurizers that were listed for the early cars (P-1105) and guess what? They measure exactly 14". Upon installing them on the car, there was plenty of slack left in the brake lines so there is no danger of breakage there and the car handles just fine. I can't speak for the trucks but there's certainly nothing wrong with 14" shock length - save your washers!

Van Pershing



# Exhaust Pipe

Help Yourself & Help Your TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION....Save your aluminum CANS & OTHER ALUMINUM...Bring it to the meetings...It will be weighed and credited to YOUR ACCOUNT...50% of monies received from sale of same will be credited to your account for the next Christmas Party. Any overage from your party funds will be carried for ensuing years. The other 50% goes into the Club Funds for printing your CORVAIRSATION NEWSPAPER.... Yep, it costs a lot to bring you your Club News, printing & postage...In fact they just voted your editor a 50% raise in pay...50% of nothing is nothing..Ha...

Don't be just a "Joiner"...get into the act...It's a lotta fun to be with good friends a couple times a month, and contribute something for the benefit of all....Try it.....you'll like it...

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DID YOU KNOW.....? If you drive your CORVAIR to your meetings, you will receive a nice gift if your license number is drawn...At each meeting, some lucky "vair" driver gets a gift suitable for your Corvair...Might be Plugs, Points, Distributor Cap, Floor Mats, or Club Emblems, Hat, T-Shirt, etc....etc.....Doesn't cost you a dime...

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DON CHASTAIN HAS \*\*\*\*\* LOANER TOOLS.....  
\*\*\*\*\*FOR YOUR REPAIRS..... NEW..

# UPDATE

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NOTE: Mr Edson is a retired mechanic and these were his personal cars.  
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EDITORS NOTE: This is my last edition of the Corvairsation...In fact Van  
Pershing, a previous editor, collaborated w/me on this issue, and he will  
be your new CORVAIRSATION EDITOR....Please blame any errors in this issue  
on him.... I am being transferred out of the Tucson Area shortly, and must  
say that I have certainly enjoyed meeting you guys and gals and I hope that  
you all have enjoyed my poor efforts at editing your paper.. I will be in  
either Flagstaff or Phoenix and will not have room to store my Corvairs, so  
they are offered for sale...I will carry the loan myself if anyone can  
come up with a respectable down payment on my rigs....

Sincerely....

Lee



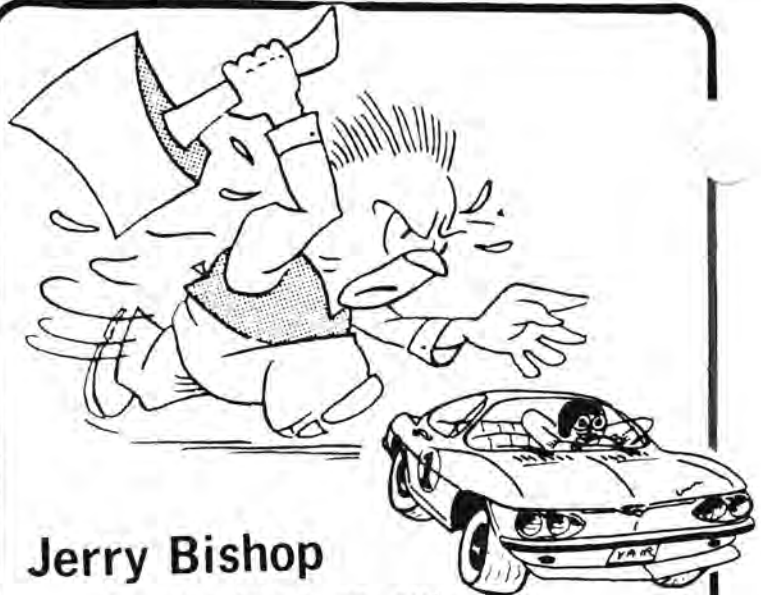
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- \* THE MENU: An All-You-Can-Eat Buffet, Including Salad Bar
- \* THE COST (for the meal): \$3.99 plus drinks.

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EVENTS

MARCH 28....TCA Meeting...6:30pm

APRIL 27,28 &29....Corvention in Phoenix

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