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This was the cover of the March 1979 <u>Corsa Communique</u>. Bryan now lives in Las Vegas, Nevada but is a TCA member. Tucson Folks are the greatest!



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CORVAIRSATION is a monthly publication of the TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION, which is dedicated to the preservation though restoration of the Corvair model of the Chevrolet Motor Division. The Tucson Corvair Association is a chartered member of the CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA (CORSA).

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month except December, and one technical/social event is planned for each month except July and August.

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CORVAIRSATION EDITOR Van Pershing 4842 W. Paseo de las Colinas Tucson AZ 85745 (602) 743-9185 Main Bearing A Message from the President

Our first meeting at the Gusto Beer Distributors can be be described as a luke-warm success. We had more than enough seats, free beer and sodas, coffee, and quiet safe surroundings, but very few club members to use such great facilities. Great place to meet but no one to meet with. I looked back over my notes collected from minutes of past meetings and I see a statistic at the top of each page which disturbs me. The club meetings have gone from a high of 50 to 60 members with 25 to 30 cars in attendance down to a low at our last meeting of 28 members with only 13 Corvairs present. Somehow I get the feeling I am not accomplishing the things a president is expected to do. Please get in touch with me or one of the club officers with your thoughts on putting the Tucson Corvair Association back on track. A club is not made up of officers, but rather it is made of people getting together to enjoy common interests. Let all Corvair Lovers unite!!!!!

The October monthly meeting will be a good time to show your club some support. Through Gordon Cauble, we have a very nice presentation for the club from Clark's Corvair Parts, along with many nice door prizes donated by Clark's. So bring yourself, call an old member, recruit a new member, and everyone show up for the October Monthly Meeting.

I also need a few volunteers to help with this year's Christmas Party. Please let me know at the next monthly club meeting if you can help. Also be sure sure to check the back page for time and location of our fun run for this month. Any questions, please give me a call.

Thanks,

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Bob

Rally Point

TCA REGULAR MEETING - Wednesday, September 26, 1984. The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Gay at 7:30 p.m. at Gusto Beer Distributors, 3635 E. 34th St.

Present: 28 Corvairs: 13

The minutes of the August 22, 1984 regular meeting were approved as published in the Corvairsation.

Bob Gay read the rules to abide by for the use of Gusto's for TCA meetings. The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. with business meeting to start at 7:30 p.m. at Gusto's.

Reminded members of the 7th Annual C.H.V.A. Swap Meet & Show, Saturday & Sunday October 27 & 28, 1984 at Pima Community College, West Campus parking lot. Also November 2, 3, & 4, 1984 is the Great Western Fan Belt Toss Swap Meet in Palm Springs, California.

The Casa de los Ninos car show fiesta will be held at Reid Park Sunday, October 7th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., cost \$1.00. Also Palo Verde Kiwanis Pancake Feed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main Ramada for \$2.50 each. Both benefits will be to help the Casa de los Ninos Crisis Nursery

There were 7 Corvairs and 13 members of TCA went to the Breakers for a picnic and swim on Sunday, 23 September 1984. Those attending had an enjoyable day.

Bob Gay, President, requested members to attend the October meeting and bring guests. There will be a slide presentation from Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc. on how to produce parts, etc. Gift certificates will be included in this presentation. It cost \$50.00 for this presentation.

After break, door prizes were won by Mack and Lucy Post, Chester Bockstedt and Gloria Grey.

For sale items were discussed.

Two suggestions for mid-month activities were a hayride and tours of a ghost town. Any other suggestions would be appreciated and bring up at the nest meeting or let Bob Gay know.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Post Recording Secretary



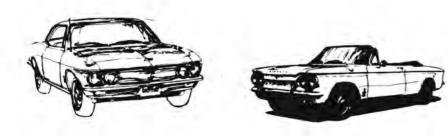
Specific October NG NEETING

This month's club meeting is going to be a SPECIAL one! The club is bringing in a slide presentation entitled "A Tour of Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc." It will be a narrated color slide presentation (about 20 minutes long) which gives an overview of the Clark facilities, shows how phone and mail orders are processed, and gives a quick idea of how many items they fabricate themselves. Cal, Jr. gives insight into the problems of parts reproduction and his views of the future outlook for Corvair parts.

But the slide show is only part of it. Along with the show comes some really neat gift certificates that will be won by some luck club members at the meeting.

a Headliner of the winner's choice!!
a Car Carpet of the winner's choice!!!
Two (2) \$5.00 Gift Certificates!!!!
an Assembly Manual of the winner's Choice!!!!!

SO, COME AND ENJOY A FUN EVENING WITH GREAT PRIZES!!!!!!!!! TIME: 6:30 PM - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1984 PLACE: GUSTO BEER DISTRIBUTORS, 3635 E. 36th STREET, TUCSON, ARIZONA



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CAN REPORT

You folks are truly doing something right. So far you've turned in \$314.48 worth of aluminum cans and scrap, which is considerably more than <u>twice</u> what was turned in last year! I'm proud of you! It just shows what progress the club can make (in terms of fund-raising) when the club gets enthused. Keep it up, and remember that October may be the last month for can donation to count toward your Christmas Party tariff. Let's see if you can pack the Greenbrier with cans in October. (Please...no aluminum foil! The folks at BIRP consider that scrap, and refund at a <u>much</u> lower rate; besides, it takes a <u>lot</u> of aluminum foil to make a pound!)

Totals for the Year

Alloy	\$10.73	Pettis	1.98	Chastain	37.55
Atwood	2.88	Ransom	12.23	Dryden	5.50
Baker	4.74	Sanford	14.74	Gay	2.43
Bortle	3.27	Thompson	28.92	Lewis	.55
Dandridge	24.75	Wood	13.80	McKenna, M.	7.36
Eggers	6.43	Angus	3.96	Post	36.50
Lage	2.64	Avery	. 55	Robinson	9.90
McKenna, F.	19.19	Bender	2.54	Tait	3.13
				Wilcox	15.44

Ed Sanford Can Chairman

Lower compression by stacking gaskets

By Joe Hovanec, Chesapeake Corvair

At the February meeting, we got to talking about the problem of finding high enough octane fuel for the 110/140/180 Corvair engines. During the discussion, it was determined that any Corvair engine, might be modified by using thicker cylinder to block gaskets which would lower compression and power while making it less fussy about octane.

So I decided to determine mathematically what additional gasket thickness would be required to reduce the compression ratio in these engines one full point (1.0) A page and a half of algebra later, I came to the

from CORSA Communique,

bottom line: each cylinder would require an additional gasket thickness of 0.045 in.

The practical application of this information is surprisingly simple. Both Otto Parts and Clark's Corvair Parts market copper gaskets which are stackable because of copper's inherent malleability. The copper gaskets are available in stock (0.032 in.) and 0.042 in. thicknesses. Stacking one .032 and one .042 together per cylinder, then, will lower the compression ratio just about a full point. Otto Parts recommends stacking a maximum of two gaskets.

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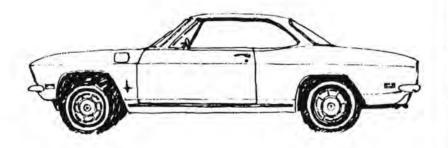
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Chevrolet Corvair Monza



Like Nikita Khrushchev, the Corvair has become an un-person. Chevrolet policy is to keep chipping away at it (by removing the Corsa models for '67 and the 4-door models for '68), in the hope that it will go away. Happily it refuses to do so, and Corvair lovers get more passionate with each passing year.

Despite this, and despite the fact that its predecessor (the '60-64 model) is probably the most maligned car in the history of the automobile, the Corvair is one of the best handling cars—in stock trim—ever built. The steering is light and precise and, although its rear-mounted air-cooled engine gives it a slight rearward weight bias, its all-independent suspension gives the Corvair road-holding qualities second only to the best GT cars.

The Corvair Monza touched off the current wave of American sporty cars, but it has lost some favor with the enthusiasts market because of its limited horsepower, the top engine option, 140-horsepower, is a far cry from the 300-plus Super Cars. Nevertheless, the Corvair is light enough that 140 horsepower is sufficient to keep pace with many higher-powered cars.

Trunk space is somewhat limited, and the rear seat accommodations are not what we would like, but those are our only major objections.

CHEVROLET CORVAIR MONZA

Chevrolet Division Manufacturer: General Motors Corporation Detroit, Michigan

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Rear Seating Comfort Poor
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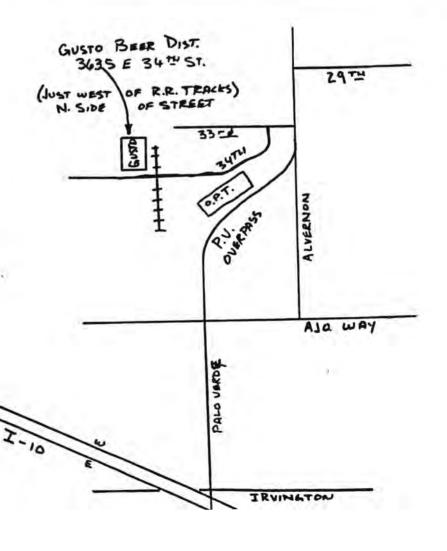
RICHARD & PEGGY AUFMUTH PROPRIETORS

NEW MEETING PLACE

Here's a map showing how to get to the new meeting place.

Meetings will still be held on the forth Wednesday of each month. A board meeting will be held the Wednesday after each club meeting and the location will be announced.

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Vairs 'n Spares

FOR SALE: TURBO REBUILD KIT, \$75, Richard Aufmuth 279-2214

FOR SALE: '65 TURBO CORSA, Fresh paint, engine & turbo! Regal Red; title shows 35,000 original miles. \$4,000 or trade? Richard Aufmuth 297-2214

FOR SALE: AIR CONDITIONER, late model. Condenser, compressor & dash unit. \$175. Neil Clements, eves 298-9633.

FOR SALE: '65 MONZA COUPE, 110hp, auto, AC, mechanically all done, including front end, needs minor body work, paint & interior to make fine car. \$800. Call Big Ed 885-9214

WANTED:EARLY ENGINE W/ automatic transmission. Complete drive train in reasonably good condition. Call Van Pershing 743-9185 FDR SALE: Viton "O" logs at \$9.50/set. Air & Oil filters, weather strips for trunk & engine lid. Early & late shocks. Other hard to find parts. Gordon Cauble 299-1122

WANTED: ROCKER PANEL for '63 Monza in good to excellent condition, passenger's side. Will buy or trade. Call Gordon Cauble 299-1122

WANTED TO TRADE: '64 CONVERTIBLE body & most all parts to make a complete car. Will trade for early model couple w/ auto transmission. Call Jerry Bishop 748-1444

FOR SALE: 1965 MONZA Coupe w/ A.T. power train, no engine, \$200. 1965 MONZA Coupe without power train or engine, \$100. 1965 Automatic transmission & transaxle, \$100. Call Bob Graves 883-0143 daytime.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 1963 BODY (towable) w/'60 trunk lid, Arizona body, excellent condition. Greg LaCosse, Phoenix, 1-840-9578

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE - SEPTEMBER, 1984.....\$ 556.24

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