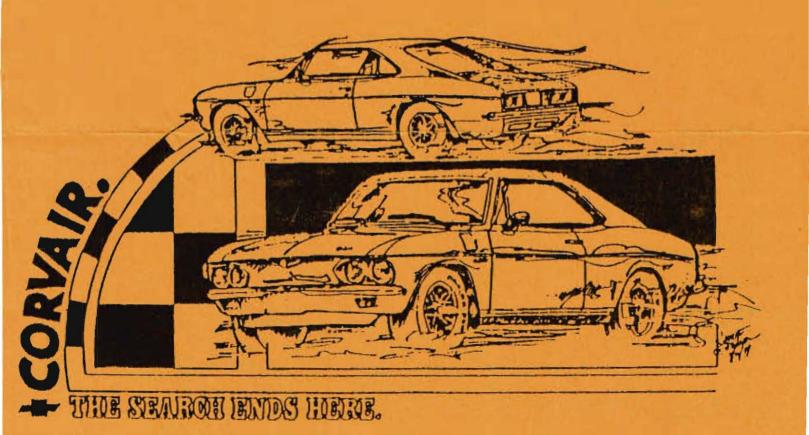


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BOARD OF DIRECTORS Current TCA Officers, Corvairsation Editor, Dave Baker & Ron Allen September 18 is here and it's time to get our cars ready for the Car Show of Casa de los Ninos. Van Pershing has made all arrangements for our TCA cars to enter and we'll have the same location as last year. Dewey Wilson will come to our meeting September 23 and speak on the subject of Casa de los Ninos, the Car Show, and the parking of our cars.

Those members who did not attend the last TCA meeting missed a very interesting speech. Our featured speaker, Phil Richardson, introduced by Ron Bloom, spoke for about fifteen minutes about the latest types of communications for trucks and cars.

When I opened the CORSA Communique for August 1992 and saw the Econo-Run gas mileage on page 18, I thought the mileage (25.84 m.p.g.) was quite low, BUT THEN, I opened the September 1992 issue and on page 11 the record was 48.88 m.p.g. All I can say is WOW!!! THAT is great mileage.

All the registration forms and information for the 15th Annual GREAT WESTERN FANBELT TOSS & SWAP MEET, November 13 - 15, 1992, at the Red Lion Inn, Ontario, CA are here. Anyone needing a registration form or other information can have either or both from me or Esther. We'll have them at our September 23rd meeting.

Many THANKS from all of us to Gail and Al Crispin for inviting the TCA members to their home for a POTLUCK and a swim in their pool!!

"Forget 'factory alr,' man...Just crank down the top and get some nice organic air."

THAT'S ALL FOLKS....

Cecil alex

President's Word

President of Stanbell Sulver

Vice President's Column

As summer draws to a close.we will start enjoying more activities. I was in upstate New York to visit my daughter over the Labor Day Holiday and seen one 1960 2 door Corvair Coupe, but never found the owner. I am happy to be home, the day I left it was 32 f. Congratulations to Al Crispin for winning the "What Is It". It was a 1960 gasoline heater. Bring a friend and see you at the meeting.

What was the first car you bought and what happened to it?

Al Crispin, first car was a 49 Olds Convert. traded for a 52 Olds | Hdtp.

Ron Bloom, first car was a 40 Ply. 2 dr. sold it for \$40.00 bought a 51 Studebaker 2 dr.

Barry Cunningham, first car was a 64 Monza, sold it, bought a 64 Green brier, Which he still owns!

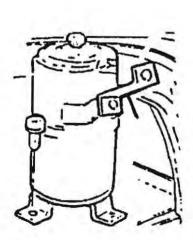
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What should you do with your Corvair's factory A/C system during the off-season!

What head temperature (degrees) turns on the "HOT" light (non-Spyder/Corsa)?

What model year was the only one to have "Chevrolet" on the exterior?

THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL Thursday, May 15, 1969





LAST CORVAIR - It's just as well that General Motors officials hadn't planned any elaborate ceremonies for the last Chevrolet Corvair. An embarrassing situation developed on the assembly line Wednesday at Willow

Run, Mich., when the next to last Corvair wouldn't start. Assembly line workers had to push it aside to make way for the last one, which started easily. Chevrolet has made more than 1.7 million Corvairs.

WHAT IS IT ?

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TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association was called to order at 7:40 p,m, by President CECIL ALEX at Picadilly Cafeteria Wednesday, August 26, 1992.

Visitors were: RANDY GRIFFITH

Minutes of the July meeting were accepted as published in CORVAIRSATION.

Speaker for the evening was PHIL RICHARDSON, who told us about voice communication development that would enable communication between vehicles and homes anywhere in the world, as well as hard copy communication between any two terminals in the world in a very short time.

RON ALLEN announced that we had \$949.38 in the treasury.

DON ROBINSON reported that he had 9 new parts catalogues in stock at \$4 apiece. Also, due to a special buy, he would have taillight bulbs available. We were interested in hearing of his bicycle trip across the state of Iowa.

MARCY TUCKER announced that she had heard from our winter visitors, Sam and Harriett Angus. They said hello to everyone.

BARRY CUNNINGHAM reported that a Potluck Pool Party was being planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, September 19th at AL CRISPIN's house. They will let us know further details, if necessary.

There were a number of winners in the raffle:

RICK EGGERS

GORDON CAUBLE

BARRY CUNNINGHAM

BOB RENTSCHLER

VERNON GRIFFITH

DON ROBINSON

AL CRISPIN

PHIL RICHARDSON

KATHY KUEHN was the license plate winner. There were 10 Corvairs driven to the meeting.

BILL LESLIE reported that Sterling Wining would be hospitalized for heart surgery.

GORDON CAUBLE reported that he and Verne had attended the 1992 National Corvair Convention JULY 28-AUGUST 1 in Atlanta. He will have colored slides of the Concours winners at our next meeting.

THOSE WHO PROMISED TO BRING RAFFLE PRIZES FOR SEPTEMBER ARE:

VERNON GRIFFITH

ALLAN ELVICK

BARRY CUNNINGHAM

STERLING WINING

RON BLOOM

MARCY TUCKER

JIM WILSON

There were 31 people present at the August meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Verne Cauble, Secretary

LUCKY AND EASY

How lucky we are to own an automobile that is as easy to repair as it is to drive. After nearly 20 years of Corvair ownership, the vehicle still amazes me in so many ways. I recently received a call for a windshield. The person was looking for "good, used" glass with installation. After calling a number of installers, I was surprised to get a quote of under \$180 for a new installed windshield. Windshields for a '58 Chev, now a bargain at \$400, or how about a new Olds? Try \$1,000 even.

I've seen running 110 hp engines sold for under \$200, serviceable 4 speed Posi and Powerglide transaxles for \$100, and finally, entire rust free and generally straight vehicles go for \$200 - \$300, this year! There are literally times when, while looking for an engine, I've been offered the whole car for less than I reasonably expected to pay for a motor (or for a set of new tires for that matter!).

Now for ease. Of all the engines I've ever removed from a vehicle, the absolute winner is the Greenbrier/Corvan power package. Eleven bolts, 4 or 5 wires, fuel line and exhaust hanger will occupy you for about 45 minutes. I've performed lunch hour brake jobs, twenty minute tune-ups, the 10 minute fan belt replacement, and - the five minute fuel pump doe-se-doe.

I was strictly a late model enthusiast until a few years ago. After parting with my Chev Crew Cab, I discovered I still needed a truck (this dawned on me after I had loaded a 30" x 9½' sheet of plastic for delivery into the passenger side of my '65 4 door Monza). Then the ugliest opportunity of my life came along, a white and blue van. Neglected, slightly dented, very faded, no matching wheels, and one carb seized forever, were no defense for that "I'll never forgive you for this" look I got from Marcy. It's turned out to be a revelation for both of us. Now in primer gray, with a totally rebuilt power package, we've logged nearly 20,000 miles in it. We've camped in it, delivered a piano in the mountains, hauled a disabled motorcycle, 4 engines and transaxles, and last week a 51" x 61" box, all in ease and spartan comfort.

Every time I load the van I am amazed at its' capacity and ability. Others are amazed by it also, more times than not people will comment on it when I'm parking or refueling.

This started out with "lucky & easy" and now I'll come back to it. As Corvair owners we all should feel lucky that the car was even produced, that the engineering and quality were built in, and that there is still a plentiful supply of surviving orphans and parts available. And last, but certainly not least, superior knowledge and advice as close as your phone! The only way it could be easier would be if Mr. Nader offered to do your dirty work, but then I'm not sure he is qualified in that area either!

Off this soapbox till next month. The topic then will be "Corvairs that wouldn't die." If you have a story about a Corvair that was still running even though....?, I'd like to hear it. Thanks!

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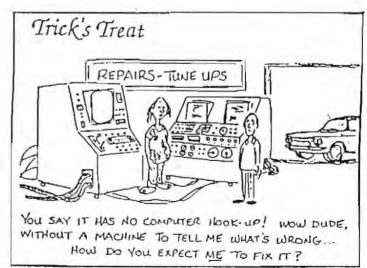
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