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The regular monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Vice-President Cecil Alex, at Picadilly Cafeteria on Wednesday, September 22, 1993.

Minutes from the July and August meetings were approved as published in the September Corvairsation.

Visitors were David Asher, Robert Burgette and Cindy Baker.

Al Crispin reported a treasury balance of \$973.26 on 9/10/93. Balance as of meeting time \$955.72.

Don Robinson reported on new caps in inventory.

Lynn Bloom thanked Ruth & Vernon Griffith for their help with the September Corvairsation.

Cecil & Esther Alex, and Larry Dandridge were the only participants for the Kitt Peak mid-month activity.

Esther Alex reminds everyone to bring their items of food for the food bank raffle at the October meeting.

Joe Abate is looking for a 110 engine to reseal for his car, a 110 to rebuild for an aircraft, and a differential. David Asher is also looking for an engine.

License plate raffle winner was Bill Vaughn.

Raffle prize winners were Ruth Griffith, Marcy Tucker, Larry Dandridge and Betty Chastain.

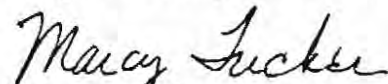
Volunteers to bring prizes to the October meeting: Marcy Tucker, Don Robinson, Al Crispin, Dave Asher and Bill Vaughn.

Dave and Beverly Baker have purchased a 1992 Corvair Roster, and Larry Claypool's Corvair Technical Guide. Club members are welcome to borrow them.

The Casa Car Show is Saturday, October 16th, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Breakfast will not be served at Reid Park this year. Anyone planning on attending, please call Van Pershing for details. Items to bring are, sunscreen, folding chairs, and your lunch. The club will furnish beverages.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Marcy Tucker

Casa de los Niños Car Show - '93

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. It was a time of Corvairs and it was a time of Mustangs. It was a time of sunny skies and it was time of rain drops. It was a time of association with friends and a time of fighting the maddening crowds. It was a time of fun and it was also a time of FUN.

Over all the day was great. On October 16 at Reid Park the annual Casa de los Niños Car Show was held under cloudy skies and scattered showers. There were several hundred of the finest cars in Tucson and 11 of the best cars in the world. Allen Elvick supplied 1960 with his red 4-door. 1961 was provided by Vern and Ruth Griffith's 4-door and Larry Dandridge's Lakewood. Representing 1962 was Ron and Lynn Bloom's blue and white Rampside. '63 was brought to us by Don Chastain's (actually it's Betty's) white Coupe and Al Crispin's pseudo Spyder convertible. Allen Elvick's second showing was the 1964 representative; a nice Monza convertible. 1965 had three cars with Ray Britton's beautiful Corsa convertible, Cecil Alex's Corsa Coupe and Van Pershing's Corsa Coupe. 1966 was courtesy of Michael Park's beautifully built Corsa convertible.

The '56 Chevy Bel Air door prize was not won by anyone in the club. It is believed that divine intervention prevented this from occurring since it is a know fact that anyone who owns a Corvair will never be completely satisfied with anything else.

The weather did not dampen the spirit of the occasion and fine cars of every kind were seen in all corners of the park. It was good to support a worthy cause and a special thanks is extended to all who participate by either showing cars or attending the show and supporting Casa. Next year will be even better!

Van Pershing

EARLY MODEL DOOR RUST

by Wade Lanning

Rust through in the corners of early model doors is compounded by the way the inner door skin is made. In each corner there is a space about $\frac{1}{4}$ " - $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide between the inner and outer door skins. This space collects debris and has no way to escape. This problem is worse on the rear doors of 4-door models where a little peninsula is formed in the inner door skin. To help clean these areas $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter holes can be drilled in each corner, being careful not to damage the outer skin. Compressed air can be blown through the holes to help dislodge debris. It probably wouldn't hurt to spray some paint through the holes using a WD-40 nozzle on a spray can. The factory didn't seem to rustproof the interiors of the doors very well. While at it, make sure the drain holes in the bottom of the doors are not plugged.

TECH TIP: How Your Corvair's Heater Works

Condensed from an article by Larry Claypool, Chicagoland Corvair Enthusiasts

One of the most criticized corners of the Corvair is its heater. People complain of fumes or poor output when, in fact, the heater itself has little to do with the quality of the air it delivers. On a water-cooled engine (or with a gasoline-fueled heater), the heater core or element itself produces the heated air and ducts it into the car. On the Corvair, the heater merely takes air that has already cooled the engine and is therefore hot, and passes it to the car's interior. The Corvair heater is a means of directing heat, not creating it.

Engine condition's important: Since the heater is based on the principle of engine heat rejection, good engine upkeep is needed for correct heater output. Improperly adjusted or failed thermostats, or missing, damaged or rusted sheet metal will all cause the engine to run cooler than designed—with direct accompanying effect on the heater.

Oil leaking from the valve cover or anywhere else on your Corvair's engine is more serious than with another car because all the air ducted into the passenger compartment first goes over the engine. The need for a clean and dry engine is obvious. Exhaust system leaks are especially important to avoid, as they would allow the worst fumes of all—carbon monoxide—to enter the heating system.

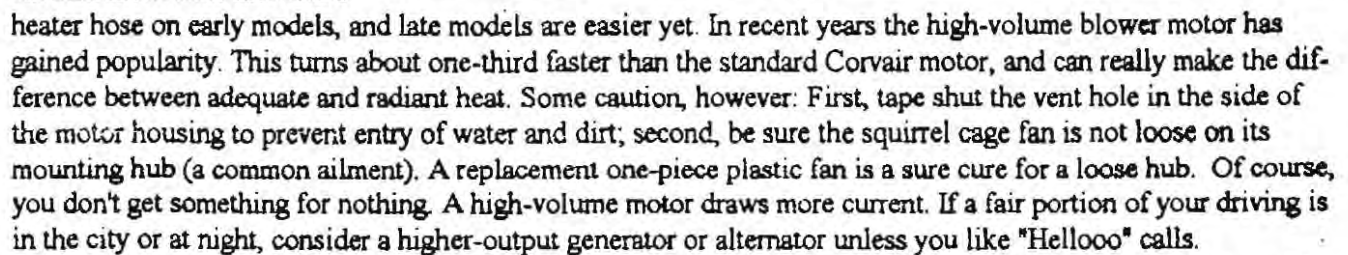
Components: Now let's see how the heater works (refer to drawing on opposite page). Most casual Corvair users think there are (a) two lower hoses that are usually either broken or wrapped around the axles, (b) one upper hose that goes somewhere into the back seat, (c) a mysterious, hidden too-slow blower motor, and (d) on early models, a miserable defroster whose lever breaks every year or so.

Seriously, the main component of the system is the heater box with its accompanying duct work. Air entering the upper heater hose off the top engine shroud is relatively cool, since it has not passed over the engine. Air entering the two lower hoses is hot because it carries dissipated heat from the engine (assuming the engine is at the correct operating temperature).

Controls: On early models and trucks, separate controls were provided for the lower (Heat) and upper (Air) ducts. Cramming both levers to "on" will not produce the most amount of heat. If you want maximum heat, shut the Air lever. To adjust the amount of heat, start with the Air lever, then gradually increase the throw of the Heat lever until the temp is right. Defrosting, of course, requires pushing in the Defrost lever; if you want the most volume for defrosting in cool (not cold) weather, push in both Heat and Air levers. For summertime defrosting, select Air only.

Because many people didn't (and still don't) understand the workings of the Heat and Air levers. Chevrolet simplified the controls on late models. Only one lever, labeled Heat, is used, and it is connected via linkage to the heater box and to both "air" and "heat" shutoff doors. Moving the Heat lever down one-third of the way opens the air door only; moving it two-thirds down adds about half the heater's capacity by opening the heat door half way.

Blower: Before the heated air begins its trek to the passenger compartment, it passes through a squirrel cage fan-and-motor assembly, located in the bottom of the heater box. For those of you who haven't changed one yet, the motor sits above and to the right of the differential. Although crowded, it is replaceable without disconnecting anything but the vacuum modulator line and a



Due to the extra bracing necessary on early convertibles, there was no room in the rocker panels for large enough duct hoses. The solution was to eliminate the hoses and let the inner stiffening channel carry the air flow. If you have an early convertible, never neglect bolt holes, access plugs or rubber seals during reassembly of items near the rocker panels.

Preventive maintenance: Because they are on the floor, early model doors and cables are close to a lot of moisture. They should be lubricated periodically to prevent corrosion. Cables can be adjusted to permit full travel of the doors, which is important for complete shutoff. Replacing those long cables are a pain, so follow these steps: (a) Lubricate cable ends, especially at the heater box and early model floor doors; (b) during the summer, move all control levers through their entire travel several times to keep cables limber; and (c) if a control seems stuck, never force it because you'll bend the lever or break the cable. Instead, find out what's binding and fix it.

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Advertisers.....	\$
Name tags.....	\$
Total Income	\$ 113.85

Expenses

Postage	\$ 29.00
Jackets & embroidery.....	\$
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Al Crispin



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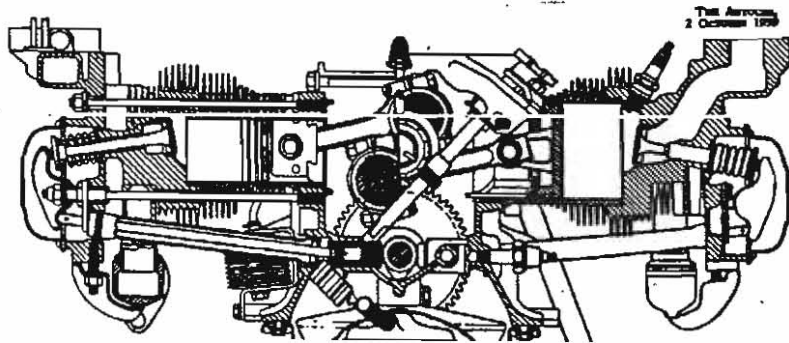
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6:00 pm: Parking Lot Bull Session
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7:30 pm: Meeting starts

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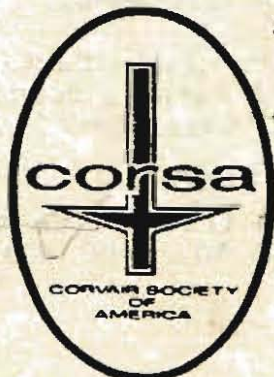
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February	???? Must make a mid-month plan !
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