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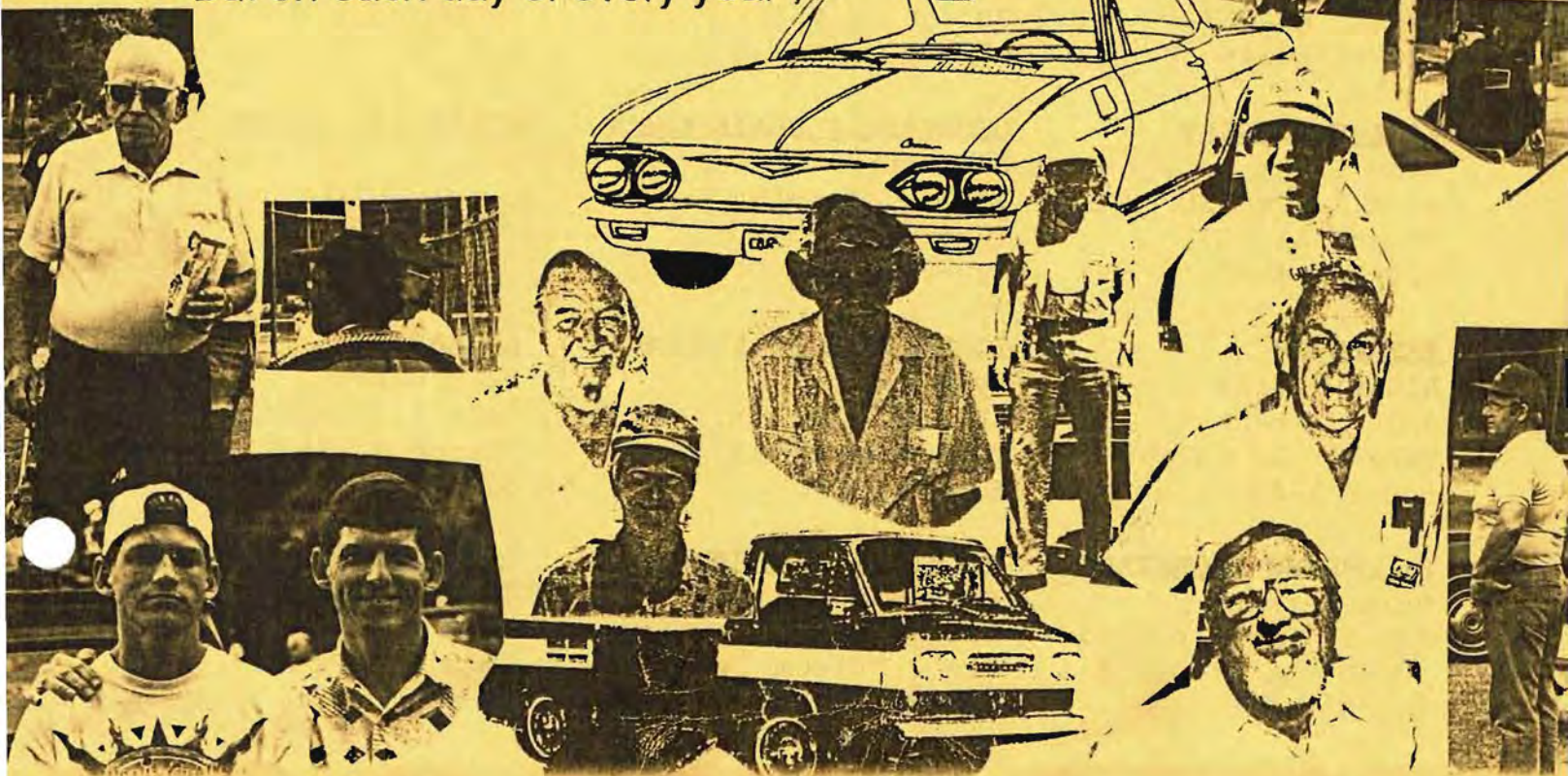
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## FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL

by Ruth Lommatzsch

Now and then it's time to say  
Something in a special way,  
And so to fathers everywhere;  
May God grant you His special care.

Give you health and happiness  
And all your families richly bless,  
Not just while Father's Day is here,  
But on each day of every year!





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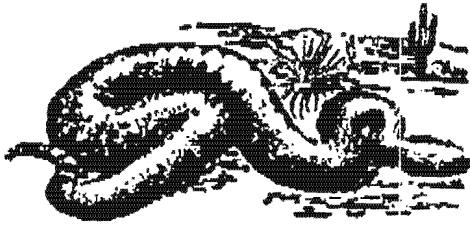
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"President's Word"

One of our members "Gordon Cauble" will be attending the CORSA International Convention at Lake Placid. He is taking our new Banner, donated by "Barry Cunningham" and will display it at the convention.

In the very near future the Raffle tickets, for a Monocular Night Vision Scope & Sterling Silver and Turquoise Necklace & Earrings will be available for all members to start selling.

There are numerous activities planned for the rest of the year. Lets try to take part & show-off the CORVAIRS.

Plan to attend the meetings & give your input and knowledge!

Don Henn



## **Minutes of Membership Meeting May 28, 1997, Mexico City Restaurant**

**T**he meeting was called to order at 7:34:33 PM, May 28, 1997 by President **Don Henn**. The minutes of the previous meetings were approved. At first there were no guests, but then **Bill Maynard** and his friend Valerie popped in. This was their second visit (see last months minutes). **NEXT Board meeting will be June 5 at this same location.**

**Treasurer (Allen Elveck)** - Started this month with \$264.00.35. Income = \$25.11, expenses = \$58.07. Thus the ending balance of 229.00. We're slowly going broke! Ideas are solicited for fund raising activities..

**Membership (Ann Henn)** -. Everyone is up to date. **Barry Cunningham** will be due in June.

**Library (Dave Baker)** - Absent, no report.

**Merchandise (Don Robinson)** - Absent, no report.

**Corvairsation (Lynn Bloom)** - Absent, no report.

**Cars for Sale** - The guy from the Franklin Museum tour has two '66 4-doors for sale. See Randy G. for info.

**Activities (Lynn Bloom)** -

**Past:**

**May 17 - Franklin Museum Tour.** Everybody who went reportedly had a very enjoyable time. there were five cars from Phoenix (Cactus Corvair Club) and four from Tucson. We were outnumbered in our own back yard!

**Coming up:**

**June 14 & 28** - Car shows at Little Anthony's, Kolb and Broadway, 7-10 PM.

**June 17** - **CORSA National Convention**, Lake Placid, NY

**June 20** - Car show at McDonald's, Tanque Verde, 5-7 PM.

**June 21** - Car show at Hooters, Wilmot near Pima, 7-10 PM.

**June 22** - Car show at Fenderskirts, Location ???, 5-8 PM.

Tentative Club event TBD - Picnic at Rose Canyon. Watch for details.

**October 25** - Casa De La Ninos car show.

**Old Business** - **Dave Baker** was supposed to look into putting a membership ad in the DM Desert Airman. Dave was absent, so we don't know if he did it.

**New Business** - Fund raising was discussed. We are planning to hold an auction at the June meeting. No real details were announced (mainly because we don't know how this will work. Stand by for news from the E-Board meeting. We discussed having a raffle, open to the public. Don suggested he would put up the funds to purchase a set of night vision binoculars (approx. value - \$300) and we could sell raffle tickets at car shows, etc. We may be able to sell many at the Casa car show (if we're not homeless by then).

**Winners** - There were many, but your secretary was not one of them! He was too busy looking for a winning number and he forgot to write down who won what.

On the hook for next month. are: **Larry Dandridge, Al Rivas, Randy Griffith, Don Henn and Ron Bloom.**

**J.O.E.** - The subject for the **joke of the evening** has switched from birds to frogs. **Gordon Cauble** had us rolling in the aisles (actually we only have one aisle).

**Program** - **Herb Berkman** presented a slide show of the goings on that occurred at the 1985 CORSA National Convention held in Houston. **Next Month's program:** Auction -if we can get our act together in time. **Bring money!**

**Next Meeting** - June 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Berkman, Secretary

## JUNE TREASURERS REPORT 97

BEGINNING CASH ON HAND.....229.04

### INCOME: (ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE)

Ads.....	00.00
Badges/Pins.....	00.00
Raffle Tickets.....	28.00
Can Money.....	00.00
Parts.....	00.00
<b>Subtotal.....</b>	<b>28.00</b>

#### DUES:

Bill & Valerie Maynard.....	15.00
Al Rivas.....	15.00
<b>Subtotal Dues.....</b>	<b>30.00</b>

**TOTAL INCOME: (ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE).....58.00**

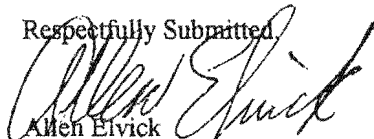
### EXPENSES: (ACCOUNTS PAYABLE)

Badges.....	12.84
Parts.....	00.00
Stamps.....	32.00
Copier Service.....	65.00
Arizona Corporation Comm Fee.....	10.00
Midmonth Picacho Sodas.....	<u>55.29</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>175.13</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES: (ACCOUNTS PAYABLE).....175.13**

**ENDING BALANCE: (CASH ON HAND).....112.91**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Allen Elvick

GET WELL SOON  
OUR GOOD BUDDY  
AND CORVAIR FRIEND  
**MAC POST**  
IS A LITTLE UNDER THE  
WEATHER.

MAC TOOK A LITTLE FALL.  
WANTS TO BE OUT AND ABOUT.  
BRING YOUR WHEEL CHAIR  
TO THE MEETING, MAYBE  
SOMEONE CAN PUT IN A  
CORVAIR ENGINE.  
O.K. MAC, GET OUT TO  
THE MEETINGS SOON!!!!

ROOM-HILDA by RUSSELL MYERS



THE BAD NEWS IS THAT THEY  
WERE A RARE SPECIES OF  
METAL-EATING TERMITES.



"Someday all this will be done by  
computer."



## Simple Nut Cake

*The whole family will go nuts over this easy-to-prepare, deliciously moist cake.*

**30 minutes preparation,**  
**50 minutes baking**

*Makes 16 servings*

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup finely chopped almonds (about 2 ounces)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon ground nutmeg
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon vanilla extract

- 2 large eggs
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups chopped walnuts (about 6 ounces)

- 1** Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease a 9-inch tube pan. Press almonds onto inside of pan.
- 2** Mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and nutmeg.
- 3** Mix together milk, butter, cream, and vanilla.
- 4** At low speed, beat milk mixture into flour mixture. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in nuts.

- 5** Pour batter into prepared pan; smooth top.

- 6** Bake cake until golden and a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean, 50 minutes. Transfer pan to a wire rack to cool for 10 minutes. Loosen cake by running a metal spatula around sides of pan. Turn out onto rack to cool completely.

### Baking Tips

If you like, add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup dark raisins to this recipe.

Bob -

Your e-mail was forwarded to me in hopes I could give you some info. I have towed my '65 Corsa 4 speed many thousands of miles and I have towed many more miles with a Honda civic on a tow dolly.

The '65-'69 Corvair weighs about 2600 pounds, which is lighter than most ski boats. Yes, it is air-cooled, but all Corvairs are six cylinder, 164 cubic inches (about 2.7 liters). I know guys who have towed Corvairs all over the place with another Corvair or with a Corvair van. It is not recommended unless you stick to fairly flat terrain or add some additional means of cooling, such as an auxiliary oil cooler. Your Jeep should be okay if it is the 4.0L high output straight six, but you should still add an oil cooler. you didn't say what kind of Jeep (Cherokee, CJ, Wrangler or Grand Cherokee). If it's an automatic, an auxiliary cooler is also a good idea.

I prefer towing with an automatic tow vehicle rather than a manual transmission because I worry about clutch problems. Towing is very hard on clutches, particularly if you aren't a gentle driver.

Is the Corvair an automatic? Most modern automatics can't be towed with the driveshaft connected (or with the rear wheels on the ground) because there is no rear pump in the tranny to circulate the transmission fluid when the torque converter isn't being turned by the engine. The Corvair Powerglide is different. It HAS a rear pump, so the action of the wheels turning drives the pump and lubricates the tranny. This is fortunate, because there is no way to disconnect the driveshafts on a corvair because the rear suspension falls apart. However, although I have towed an automatic Corvair around town a lot, I have always been hesitant to do it on the open road at freeway speeds for long distances. It's supposed to be okay to do, but I guess I just don't feel good about it.

The other half of the towing problem is stopping. I always tow with a pickup truck, which is twice as heavy as the Corvair. Towing with a light vehicle may not provide enough stopping power - the towed car may overpower the tow vehicle in a panic stop.

Also, when towing a vehicle with a towbar, there is no tongue weight to add traction to the rear of the tow vehicle. This can actually be made worse if the towbar slants upward toward the hitch ball (hitch ball higher than the point where the towbar attaches to the Corvair). In this situation, when you apply the brakes, the back of the tow vehicle lifts and the forward force of the tow bar pushes it up even more. This effectively eliminates rear wheel traction and you are trying to stop

BOTH vehicles with only the tow vehicle front brakes! I have experienced this when towing with an empty pickup at only 35 mph! I slid right out into the middle of an intersection when the light turned red!

DO NOT use a tow bar which attaches to the bumper and doesn't pivot up and down! Most rental yard tow bars are that kind. They will tear up your bumper the first time you go in or out of a driveway!

The only advantages of towing the Corvair with the front end on a dolly are 1) you don't need to figure out how to attach a tow bar and 2) you don't have to worry about the front wheels turning the wrong direction when you go out of steep driveways (if this happens, just stop and go back and turn the Corvair steering wheel back to the right direction). But the rear wheels will still be on the ground.

I have seen people towing Corvairs backward on a tow dolly, which does save wear and tear on the rear drivetrain. However, you must carefully and accurately tie the steering wheel in the straight ahead position or the car will not track straight behind the tow vehicle and may even sway back and forth, which is dangerous. If it isn't tracking right the first time, stop and fix it right away! Also, increase the tire pressure to minimize side wall deflection.

Oh, by the way, when flat towing, DO NOT tie the steering wheel! It has to be free to turn. Also, whether you are flat towing or using a dolly, be aware that you CANNOT back up. Well maybe you can in a straight line for about 2 feet, but that's it.

Having said all this, I think the BEST way to do this with the least hassle is to borrow a pickup from one friend and a car trailer from another (or rent). There will be other things to worry about, but both cars have a much better chance to avoid abuse.

Good luck!

Herb Berkman  
Tucson Corvair Association  
Tucson, Arizona



# Corvair

# Puzzle

Thanks to the Vintage Times,  
newsletter of Vintage Corsa of  
Orange County for this great  
puzzle.

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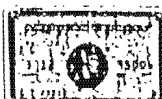
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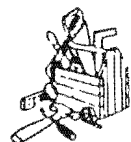


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6:00 pm: Parking Lot Bull Session

6:30 pm: Dinner (optional)

7:30 pm: Meeting starts

COMING EVENTS

PLEASE CONTACT A  
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ANY SUGGESTIONS

Regular Monthly Meeting: May 28 ,1997  
TCA Executive Board Meeting: June 5, 1997 7:30 P.M.  
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