

DeCoding Auto Ads

by Dave Gast

Old cars get bought and sold. For Sale ads appear in club publications and commercial sites like Old Cars Weekly and Hemmings Motor News. People word their For Sale ads with the hope that their cars will sell quickly. Often this takes hype and some rose colored glasses. Phrases used in car ads should really be seen as coded messages.

CODE: Frame-up restoration
DECODE: I started with only a frame. Then I scrounged pieces to assemble this car.

CODE: Selling car because of illness.
DECODE: I'm sick and tired of this damned car.

CODE: Sale due to lack of space.
DECODE: My wife will file for divorce unless she can park her new car in the garage.

CODE: A real crowd pleaser.
DECODE: When I show the

car, people point at it and laugh.
CODE: Restoration is 95% complete.
DECODE: The remaining 5% of the job is to find the rare engine parts needed to get it to run.

CODE: Drive it home.
DECODE: Drive it home if home is only five miles away.

CODE: Original throughout.
DECODE: We haven't fixed the rust outs, the shredded upholstery, the frozen motor or the broken glass.

CODE: A one-owner car.
DECODE: The original owner abused it so badly that it broke down, then he parked it under a tree in his backyard where it has molded for 25 years.

CODE: Just needs a little T.L.C.
DECODE: Just needs a complete restoration.

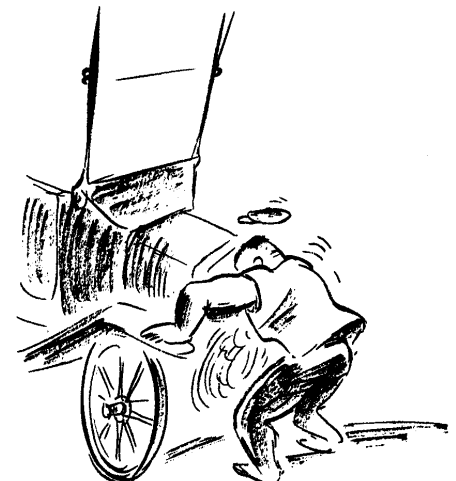
CODE: Garaged for the past 40 years.

DECODE: The garage roof caved in 30 years ago.

CODE: Serious inquiries only.
DECODE: I know that I am asking way too much for the car, so please don't laugh when I quote the price.

CODE: Owner motivated
DECODE: I want to get rid of this millstone as soon as I can.

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Tucson Corvair Association



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The *Corvairsation* is a monthly publication of the Tucson Corvair Association, which is dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair model of the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors. The Tucson Corvair Association is a chartered member of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) as Chapter 357.

Membership dues are \$15 per year for individuals and \$18 for families. Initial dues are \$19 for individuals and \$22 for families (includes name tags). Make checks payable to the Tucson Corvair Association.

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CORSA membership dues are \$38 per year (\$76 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the *CORSA Communique*, a monthly publication. CORSA memberships is not required for membership in the Tucson Corvair Association, but is highly recommended. See any TCA officer for more information.

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TCA 2008 Events at a Glance

OCT

1 WED

TCA Board Meeting, Franklin Museum, 3420 N Vine, Tucson, AZ.
6:30 pm. All comers welcome.

18 SAT

Tucson Classics Car Show

22 WED

TCA General Membership Meeting
Mimi's Café, 120 S Wilmot, Tucson, AZ. Parking lot bull session, 6:00pm. Optional dinner at 6:20pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm.

NOV

5 WED

TCA Board Meeting, Franklin Museum, 3420 N Vine, Tucson, AZ.
6:30 pm. All comers welcome.

8/9 SA/SU

Mid Month Tech Session, Last Chance Garage, 3605 N Vine, Tucson, AZ. 9am to 5pm, both days.

19 WED

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DEC

3 WED

TCA Board Meeting, Franklin Museum, 3420 N Vine, Tucson, AZ.
6:30 pm. All comers welcome.

16 TUE

TCA Annual Christmas Party, Cody's Beef & Beans, 2708 E Ft Lowell, Tucson, AZ

The Corvair Misadventure (with a happy ending!)

By Van Pershing

Last spring I received an email from a Nick Ellis who dwells in the Heartland of our country and was having some serious problems with his dad's '64 convertible. It seems that the car made a terrible rattling noise when driven and it didn't matter whether the car was at a stand still or going down the road, it still made the terrible noise. He had recently had to replace the starter because the nose had broken off. If that wasn't enough, the car was now not running because of a bend pushrod. He asked if he would have to take the engine out to remove the head and check it out.



As any seasoned Corvair owner knows, there was definitely something going on with the

flywheel. So I answered Nick that he wouldn't have to take the engine out to work on the head but he was going to have to replace the flywheel.

Now, for a regular motorhead, taking the engine out of a car is no big deal. Nick owns an engine hoist and is perfectly capable of removing an engine from a car. But hold on here a minute. We're not talking about a car – we're talking about

a Corvair. There are a ton of little procedures and tricks that we Corvair owners take for granted that the rest of the world doesn't have to deal with when they work on their cars. For example, do you lift the engine out through the engine cover opening? Do you leave the engine and transaxle together before you do the removal? Should you just undo the u-joints and the transaxle comes right out? And a million other things are not intuitively obvious to a non-Corvair car guy. After our initial conversations, Nick was a little apprehensive and wondered if he should just take it to a non-Corvair mechanic since there were no real Corvair



guys close by. I reminded him that a good mechanic for a "normal" car is hard to find much less somebody who could fix a Corvair and have it work when he was done. Nick decided to give it a go.



Over the next couple of days we had email conversations about everything from axle removal to cold valve adjustments. And, oh, by the way, Nick wanted to have everything back together by the upcoming weekend so he could take to the auction. I thought to myself, here's a guy who doesn't know much about Corvair mechanics undertaking a major project by himself with only email supervision and he wants to be done in 4 or 5 days? What's he smoking?

Well, the email flew back and forth and parts flew from vendors to Nick's house and to my total surprise, I received an email on that weekend that the car was running and shifting fine with no broken starters and no nasty noises and he's on his way to the auction.

For a guy who wasn't too sure of himself a few days before, he really did well. I was, needless to say, quite amazed! It sold at the auction for \$7,000. Now that he's done and the convertible is gone, I'm thinking Nick has been bit by the bug and will soon be thinking about a Corvair for himself!

It was very enjoyable helping a non-Corvair person figure out the little thing that most of us take for granted.

**TUCSON CORVAIR
ASSOCIATION REGULAR
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES**

Mimi's Café, 120 S. Wilmot, Tucson, Arizona

September 24, 2008

Attendance: 16 members

New members: George Nicholls (lives in South Dakota), Joe Hiller, Traci Miller (recently moved to Tucson)

Treasury amount: \$2541.71

Lynn MARRS approved the minutes of last meeting, Allen seconded.

October mid-month activity will be the St. Gregory Car Show

November mid-month activity will be a tech and repair session at Bill Maynard's Last Chance Garage.

Meeting in November will be on the third Wednesday, Nov. 19th, due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Bill Leslie announced that he will nominate Lynn MARRS to be the next president of the Association for 2009.

Motion to suspend for a meal break approved by Lynn MARRS and second by Amy Young. \$20 in raffle money collected. A record of 7 prizes were up for raffle.

Web forum for the club Web page was discussed. Traci Miller volunteered to set up a forum for the club.

Volunteers for raffle prizes: Amy Young, Traci Miller, Bruce Robinson, Chris Cunningham volunteered, in absentia, to bring a raffle prize to next meeting of 22nd of October.

For those participating, meet at Fort Lowell (Camp Lowell) park for the Tucson Classics

Car Show on Saturday, October 18. Time not yet arranged.

Bill Maynard, Lynn MARRS, and John and Amy Young were recognized for attending the National Convention in Ventura, California.

Don Robinson motioned to adjourn. John Young second

Submitted by John Frugoli.

NEW FORUM FOR TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

A brand new forum is now on line and available for members of TCA. Thanks to new member Traci Miller, you may now go to the forum and enjoy its benefits. There are sections for swapping, technical questions, chit chat, classified ads and much more. You may get to the forum through the regular TCA website at **www.corvairs.org** or can go directly to forum at **www.tucsoncorvairclub.com**.

Traci just moved to Tucson a few weeks ago with her vintage motor scooters and a Rampside to haul them around in. She's new to Corvairs but was so excited about buying her Rampside that she joined TCA before she even got here.

Welcome, Traci!





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Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The November meeting is held on the third Wednesday. The December meeting is our annual Christmas Party.

Meeting Place for October 22nd:

Mimi's Café, 120 S. Wilmot, Tucson, Arizona. Parking Lot Bull Session, 6:00pm. Optional Dinner, 6:20pm. Meeting starts at 7pm. Guest welcome.



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