

NEW BANNER FOR TCA EVENTS



On October 2, 2009 the Tucson Corvair Association will be displaying several Corvairs at O'Rielly Chevrolet. The Corvair was officially introduced to the public on October 2, 1959 - a short 50 years earlier to the day. The Board of Directors decided a Corvair banner would be a nice addition to our club banner and a banner was purchased that could be used not only at the 50th anniversary display but at almost any event that the club attends. The banner measures about 8 feet wide by 2 feet high and is printed on high-quality vinyl. It has a pocket on each end so a pole can slide through, flaps cut into the banner's surface to allow wind to pass through, and several metal gromets for securing it. A stand was fabricated that holds the banner just above the roof-level of your average Corvair. The stand will break down for easy transport and the banner can be rolled up on a roller for safe storage.

NEW MEETING PLACE

Over the passed few years we have been kicked around from place to place in search of a spot to call home for our monthly meetings. Several of our passed haunts have gone out of business shortly after we moved our meeting to their establishments. Our most recent meeting place, Bill Maynard's Last Chance Garage has been a different kind of venue than our normal eating establishments and it's been a fun spot to meeting and talk shop, but, alas, Bill is going to be doing some serious travelling and will be out of town off and on, so the Board decided to try a new place. We thank Bill for his hospitality and generosity. Several things were considered including the location, whether or not people want to be able to eat at the meeting, etcetera. After careful consideration and investigation it was decided to move our meeting place to the Golden Corral located at near the corner of East Wetmore and North First Avenue. Meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except November and December, of course. There is a nice variety of food to choose from and the cost is reasonable. We will have our own area for gathering and we will be able to stay until past 9 o'clock.

It is hoped that our changing our meeting place the Golden Corral does not cause them any undue stress that may cause them to file Chapter 11 - or worse!!

The Golden Corral
715 E Wetmore
Tucson, Arizona

Near the corner of Wetmore
and 1st Ave.

Tucson Corvair Association



Established 1975

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.

Change of Address: Report any change of address or phone number to the Membership Chairperson. Do not report such changes to the Corvairsation Editor.

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.

Classified ads are free to members and \$3 per 4-line ad for non-members. Deadline for materials submitted for publication is the 10th of the month.

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TCA 2009 Events at a Glance

- Sep 19 & 20** Tune Up Clinic at the Last Chance Garage. Starts and 10:00 both Saturday and Sunday and will go until everybody is sick and tired of working on their cars!
- Wed, Sep 23** Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Last Chance Garage, 3605 N Vine (east of the corner of Prince and Mountain).
- Fri, Oct 2** 50th Anniversary of the Corvair. O'Rielly Chevrolet. Stay tuned for details.
- Wed, Oct 7** Meeting of the Board of Directors. 7:00pm at Bill Maynard's Last Chance Garage. Everyone welcome!
- Sat, Oct 17** Tucson Classic Car Show. This is the big one so get out the rubbing compound and the wax!
- Sun, Oct 17** Bonfire & Cookout, 3:30pm, Lynn Marrs' home, 14020 N Gecko Canyon Trail. Come and enjoy and nice afternoon all courtesy of Lynn!
- Wed, Nov 18** Because the 4th Wednesday falls the day before Thanksgiving, our regular monthly meeting will be held the on November 18.
- Sun, Nov ??** Tombstone or Bust: A morning cruise to Tonstone - the town too tough to die. A date will be decided and announced soon.
- Fri, Dec 11** Annual TCA Christmas Party; Cody's Beef 'n Beans, 2708 E Ft Lowell, 6:30pm. Bring some cans for the food bank and a gift to exchange.

August Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the TRA Regular Meeting held August 26, 2009 at 3605 N Vine St., Tucson, Arizona

Members Present: Lynn Marrs; Ron Bloom; Lynn Bloom; Ken Farr; Van Pershing; Bill Maynard; Ryan Green; Dave Lynch; Ron Kosidowski; Bill L; Don Murray, Don Robinson, Barry Cunningham; Allen Elvick and Mike Strong.

President Lynn Marrs called the meeting to order at 6:59pm.

Approval of the Minutes for July: Motion to approve the July minutes was made by Van Pershing, seconded by Don Robinson and unanimously carried. Bill Maynard asserted he has not been on any benders recently.

President's Report: President Lynn Marrs announced that this years Christmas Party will again be held at Cody's Beef & Beans on Ft. Lowell Boulevard. Reservation of the facility has been made for Friday, December 11th. Members were reminded to arrive with a can of food for the food drive and a gift for the white elephant gift exchange. Solicitation for suggestions for a new venue for the monthly membership meeting yielded several potential possibilities including: Golden Corral; Ryan's Backyard Poker Palace and the Chinese Buffet at River & Stone. Ryan Green made a motion to move the September membership meeting to Golden Corral on First just north of Wetmore. Don Robinson seconded the motion, which was carried with one member in opposition.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Bill Maynard reported that he had a lovely vacation in Colorado during which he was swarmed Beatles fan style everywhere he drove the Lakewood. The trip was without mechanical incident save for a mystery noise that proved to be a loose fuel pump. Dave Lynch reported on the pseudo-mid month activity, an assembly of Corvairs at the Sonic Drive-In on First Avenue. Though there has not historically been a mid-month activity in August, turn out was respectable with the Bloom, Elvick & Lynch families making appearances along with Van Pershing.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Cunningham reported an opening balance of \$2,418.86 and an ending balance of \$2,447.86. Primary income was reported to come from raffle tickets and membership dues and the club had no expenses for the month. Barry also represents the membership chair and reports that most all members are paid in full and he hopes to have a membership roster finalized in the near future.

Raffle: Prizes were furnished by Dave Lynch, Ken Farr and Ron Bloom. Prizes were won by Allen Elvick, Mike Strong, Ryan Green, Ron Bloom and Ken Farr. A call for volunteers to supply the September membership meeting with raffle prizes was answered by Allen Elvick, Dave Lynch and Ryan Green.

Tech Talk: Ron reported on removal of his transmission and installation of a new ring and pinion that resulted in the loss of first, second and reverse gears. Barry has blown a gasket and need to replace the 1, 3 & 5 donuts. Opportunity for all repairs and maintenance is the focus of the September mid-month activity: a tune-up clinic at the Last Chance Garage on September 19th and 20th.

Miscellany: Van reported that the banner for the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Corvair, which will be celebrated by the TCA by the assemblage of club cars at O'Rielly Chevrolet, will be delivered the week of September 1st. Dave Lynch reported that Carlos, the general manager of O'Rielly Chevrolet, needs to co-ordinate with the club as the Corvair will be featured in their television and radio advertisements in the weeks leading to the event. The TCA website has been and will continue to be hosted gratis though it had been down while it was moved to a new server. No updates will be made until permissions are assigned; however, the site is back up and running. Ron Bloom was contacted regarding an 80hp engine with 110 heads for a 3 speed that is for sale for \$100. Don Robinson took 4th place navigating a Veloce Spider in a TSD race at the Alfa Romeo Convention in Portland.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Maynard at 8:12, seconded by Ron Bloom and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Green
Recording Secretary

GUESS WHO?

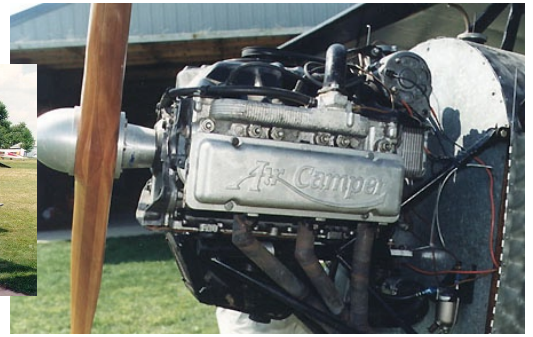
This is a picture of one of our members taken when he was but a boy. Who is it??



Email a picture of yourself from back in the day and we'll try to guess who *you* are!

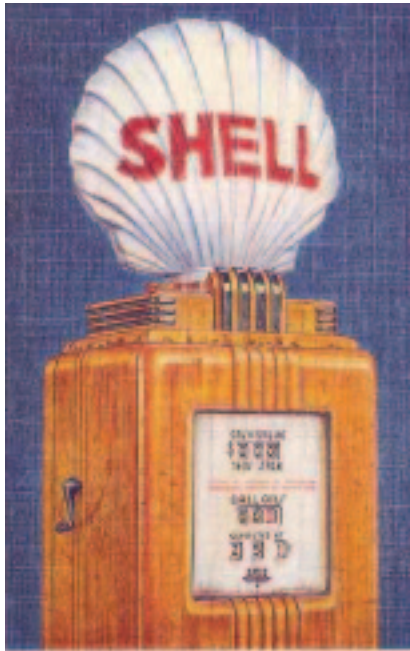
Corvair - The Unusual

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Warren H. Anderson and his *Cartifacts*

From 1956 to 1986 Warren H. Anderson was a Professor of Art at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He grew up in Moline, Illinois, the famous home of John Deere, and the Velie Automobile Company. After enlisting in the U.S. Navy in World War II, he received degrees from Western Illinois University, the State University of Iowa, and a Ph.D from Stanford University. He was one of the first art teachers hired to teach in the new three-story brick art building on Vine Avenue and Speedway. He said the building was so new when he started that the floors were still dirt when classes began in 1956. He mostly taught art education, but every once in a while he would focus on everyday American life and the subject that would keep him busy for many years: the car.



Secret Side Show Survivor; Georgia
(11 7/8" x 7 7/8")

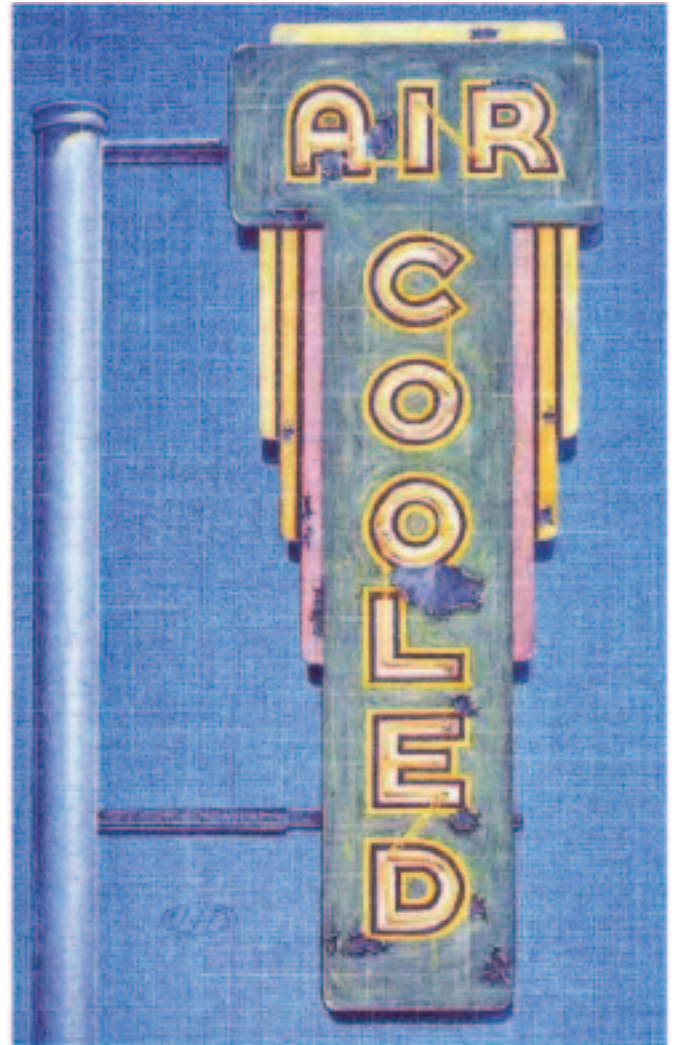
His most frequent subjects were vintage cars, gas pumps, signs, motel and diner neon. His later work featured neon signs gleaned from the old roads of his own mind... imaginary highways—since the originals have all but vanished. His book *Vanishing Roadside America*, 1981, was all too prophetic.

He employed his prismatic pencils to reveal “Cartifacts” along America’s formerly major highways... from coast to coast. Cartifacts is a neologism he conferred on all those artifacts in our built environment, ranging in scale from tint to tremendous, that exist because of cars. As a concept, it sustained the creative artist for his entire artistic life.

He devoted many years to documenting signs and objects from along “Roadside America.” “I have come to feel a responsibility for the preservation of these rapidly disappearing vestiges of a vernacular American art form and a more leisurely mode of travel.” Air Cooled Waterfall in the Desert harkens to the 1930s with its softly rounded edges and letters. It seems in harmony with the waterfall styled headboards and dressers found inside the rooms of this desert motel.

Not to be construed as air conditioned, swamp coolers as they were called in those days were worth every penny of the cost of the room in this mid-1930s tourist court: \$1.25 a night.

— contributed by Chris Cunningham



Air Cooled Waterfall in the Desert, Tucson, Arizona. *Carefully hand drawn to resemble the linen postcards of the 1940s these prismatic drawings are part of a small body of work executed by Warren H. Anderson (1925-2005)*



Derelict DeSoto (11 5/8 x 7 5/8)



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Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the Fourth Wednesday of every month with a bull session starting at 6:30pm with the meeting starting at 7:00pm.

The November meeting is held on the third Wednesday. The December meeting is our annual Christmas party with the time and place to be announced.

Monthly Meeting Place:

Bill Maynard's Last Chance Garage, 3605 N Vine, Tucson, Arizona (north off of Prince Road just east of Mountain).

Visit the TCA Forum

Ask tech questions, get to know other club members, chat and share your knowledge with others. Go to www.corvairs.org and click on TCA Forum.



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