

Gordon Cauble Goes Home

An important piece of TCA history has left us. Our beloved friend and fellow Corvair enthusiasts Gordon Cauble has died on December 3, 2009 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Gordon was one of the founding fathers of the Tucson Corvair Association back in 1975. He and Frank McKenna were chatting in the parking lot of an auto parts store about the possibilities of there being a Corvair club in Tucson and from that conversation TCA was born.

Gordon served as club president and editor of the Corvairisation as well as in many other area of the club's organization. He made sure that every Corvair he was familiar with had the opportunity of being in good running condition by keeping a healthy stock of Corvair parts, both new and used, ready for service on the shelves of his garage. Not only was he the ultimate Corvair enthusiast but he was also a friend to many.

Last year the Bryan Lynch Award, which is an award given to the person that did most for the club that year, was renamed the Gordon Cauble Award with its first recipient being March Tucker who received it shortly before her tragic death.

To us Gordon was just a good man man with a big heart who was always able to help when we needed parts or advice for keeping our old cars looking and running good. To the rest of the world Gordon was a different man. Here's what Bill Hess of the *Sierra Vista Herald* had to say:

"FORT HUACHUCA — A former deputy commanding general of the Army Strategic Communications Command on the post in 1967 who had set up the first Signal Corps network on Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 has died.

Retired Brig. Gen. Gordon B. Cauble, a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, served as the No. 2 leader of STRATCOM in the late 1960s.

As a lieutenant colonel, he went ashore in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, with the 29th Division as its signal officer.

Of that time, Cauble stated in a history of the Signal Corps that communications on Omaha Beach were a nightmare because many of the Signal Corps soldiers who could lay wire did not get ashore as planned.

"It was D plus 2 before we really got our planned communications systems established," he said in the history, noting by D plus 5, "wire communications was excellent."

Later as the push got off the Normandy beaches, Cauble was wounded in action near St. Lo in France.

In 1979, he was one of 170 retired generals and admirals who signed an open letter to President Jimmy Carter that was published in The New York Times, and other newspapers expressing

concerns that America's armed forces and national defense was being short-changed in light of then-growing threats to include new military equipment being fielded by the Soviet Union.

Of the late general, Maj. Gen. Susan Lawrence, commander of the Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command (Army), of which STRATCOM was a forerunner, said his service "during World War II, Korea and Vietnam shows his unwavering dedication to this country and strong commitment for the freedom we all hold dear."

As a Signal Corps officer and former deputy commander of STRATCOM, "the initiatives and efforts General Cauble put into place during his time here were instrumental in ensuring our national security during the Cold War and beyond," said Lawrence, who also expressed her personal and NETCOM's condolences to his family "in their time of grief."

Betty Olson, who recently retired after more than half a century as a civil service secretary on Fort Huachuca, remembers Cauble.

Of him, she said, "He was the first general I worked for in 1967. He was a wonderful and fine gentleman."

Cauble was born in Birmingham, Ala., on Feb. 15, 1917. He graduated from high school in Bessemer, Ala., and went on to receive a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech and a master's in business administration from Harvard University.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant on July 20, 1940.

The 92-year-old Cauble, who called Tucson home for many years, was active in church activities and the Rotary and was a founding member and past president of the Tucson Corvair Club.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 51 years, Vernetta. He is survived by his second wife, Suzanne, four children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Retired Brig. Gen. Gordon B. Cauble's military decorations include three Legions of Merit, a Bronze Star Medal, a Purple Heart Medal and two Joint Service Commendation Medals."

All of us knew Gordon as a humble General in the military but he never mentioned or talked about the extent of service he rendered our country.

God Speed, Gordon Cauble.

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 2010 Events at a Glance

Sat, Jan 23	Tubac Car Show. We'll meet and caravan to the show together. More details later.
Wed, Jan 27	Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd (just east of Columbus)
February	Renaissance Festival, Florence Junction, Arizona. More details to come.

DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues for all members of the Tucson Corvair Association are now due. Dues are \$15 per year for individuals and \$18 per year for families.

Dues are payable to Barry Cunningham, TCA Treasurer, either in person or mailing a check payable to the Tucson Corvair Association to him at 362 Bull Run Drive, Tucson, AZ 85748.

Deadline for dues payment is March 1, 2010, so get those dues paid soon to insure continued receipt of your Corvairsation and all the other club benefits.



Gordon Cauble 1917 - 2009



NEW MEETING PLACE FOR TCA, AGAIN!

It seems that the Golden Corral at 1st and Wetmore no longer wants our business and has asked that we not come back - no reason given. Ron Bloom has arranged for us to meet at the Golden Corral at 4380 E 22nd Street (just east of Columbus) for at least the January meeting and maybe permanently. Well, a permanently as the Tucson Corvair Association gets!

So see you there.

Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street

Dave Lynch goes to Afghanistan

Dave Lynch who has served in several capacities in the TCA has taken leave from us for at least a year. A few days after the TCA Christmas party on December 11, Dave left for Afghanistan to work as a military contractor. He promised that he'd return to us safely and left his beautiful car in the loving care of Bill Maynard until his return.



TCA Christmas Party

As everyone knows, there is no regular monthly meeting of the Association in December but instead there is a gala Christmas party that is so exciting there usually only standing room at the venue. This year was no exception. There were at least 30 people in attendance, including Dave Lynch with son Patrick, the Armstrongs, Chris Cunningham and his friend Norma Sanoval, the Robinson's, the Mills, the Youngs, Barry Cunningham and daughter Casidy, Lynn Marrs, Bill Maynard, the Blooms, the Farris, the Pershings, the Murrys with son Logan and daughter Ireland, the Elvicks and special guest Larry Dames who served in the US Army with Gordon Cauble.

An evening full of excitement and gift exchanges with the highlight of the evening being the presentation of the Gordon Cauble Award to Lynn Marrs. Lynn could possibly be the only president we've ever had who didn't actually own a Corvair! Congratulations to Lynn.



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MORE TCA CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES



President Lynn Marrs receives the 2009 Gordon Cauble Award

Dennis Albaugh's Chevy Convertibles

Wow! What do you suppose this collection is worth? This collection belongs to Dennis Albaugh in Ankeny, Iowa, just north of Des Moines. The personal and private collection consists of 110 plus Chevrolet convertibles - all years from 1912 to 1975 and Corvette convertibles from 1953 to 1975. That is a Chevy convertible from every year of manufacture EXCEPT 1939. The reason: Chevy didn't make a convertible in '39 -- and ended its convertible line in '75! No Corvairs could be seen in the pictures available but there surely must be one for every year - they *are* Chevys! His 'boy toys' include his own 18 hole golf course, copied somewhat after Augusta National. He is what you call a REAL Chevy guy, but his passion seems to be convertibles! This billionaire made his fortune selling farm chemicals!





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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.

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