

## A Day at the Park

June 19, 1920 was a beautiful summer day for a picnic at Agua Caliente Park on the east side of Tucson. Even though the day was warm there was lots of shade and a cool (agua caliente) lake to sit by. The food was great and the company even greater. These pictures were taken by Ken Farr and are the only photographic record known to exist of this most significant historic event.



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# TCA 2010 Events at a Glance

Wed, Jul 28

**Regular Monthly Meeting.** Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd (just east of Columbus)

Sat, Jul 31

**Cruise to Summerhaven.** Come enjoy a day high in the Catalinas where it will be nice and cool! More details soon.

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**August is too hot!!** We'll take month off to get ready for September! No mid-month activity.

Sat, Sep 4

**Cars & Bikes at the Vista.** Vista Park, Bisbee, Arizona. A show benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Bisbee.

Sat, Sep ??

Run to Kitt Peak. Details later.

Sat, Oct 16

4th Annual Classics of Tucson Car Show. Let's get those Corvairs ready for another greqat showing!

## June Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the TCA regular monthly meeting held June 23, 2010 at 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson Arizona.

**In Attendance:** Ken & Heidi Farr, Lynn Marrs, Ron Bloom, Jim & Terry Mills, Allen Elvick, Rudy Islas, Mike Strong, Barb Govostis & her niece Celia, Don Robinson, Van Pershing and new member, Steve Lubliner.

**The Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 7:26 pm by President Farr. Minutes were approved. Report given on Agua Caliente Park picnic held June 19, 2010. The July activity will be held on Saturday, July 31 and will be a cruise to Summerhaven high atop Mt Lemmon. Meet at the McDonald's near the corner of Tanque Verde and the Catalina Highway at 10:30am. President Farr invited everyone to participate in the upcoming Cars and Bikes at the Vista car show in Sierra Vista on September 4, 2010. There is an entry fee of \$25. There will also be a trip to Kitt Peak sometime in September and the details will be announced later. There will also be a another car show in Sierra Vista on October 9 - Cars in the Park.

Barb Govostis suggested the possibility of meeting at the Golden Corral on Ina and Thornydale. The facility is new and there is a meeting room available. Jim and Terry Mills also liked the idea. She also suggested that we look into participating in the annual parade in Oracle in April. Steve Lubliner suggested the club have activities such as a gymkhana and more tech sessions.

**Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report was given as the treasurer was not in attendance.

**The Raffle:** The drawing of raffle prizes were won by Steve Lubliner and Barb Govostis. Sixteen dollars worth of tickets were sold.

**Tech Talk:** Allen Elvick reported on the new engine in his '60 and the exciting 20-minute trip home that took 6 hours. Van Pershing announced that he had installed the air door holder openers installed on the deck lid of his Stinger.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by: Van Pershing

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Here's a gem that most of you will find hard to pass up. A genuine Corvair three-wheeled motorcycle. You'll have to admit, it's a real beauty. It's currently on Ebay and the strating bid is \$50. I'd hurry if I were you because this baby isn't going to last long. It's down in Ocala, Florida so there could be a road trip in this for Ken and Ron. Or if you were looking for something a little closer the bike shown on the right is in Bloomington, California. It hasn't got near the class, it's starting bid is over \$7,000 and it wouldn't be much a road trip!



# Loadside Ready for the Races

This 61 Corvair 95 Loadside truck was found on the Hotrod Magazines website in the Reader's Rides section and belongs to a person known only as "GMforever". It had been sitting two blocks from him for 39 years and they only wanted \$250. After building at least a dozen mid-engine cars, he knew what he wanted. A 70 Eldorado drivetrain replaced the original six and radiator and battery were placed in the rear. With a 45/55 weight distribution, wheelies won't be a problem. The motor is stock with 400hp, 550ft.lbs, 3-speed automatic transmission with 3:08 gears. Crager's on the front and those ugly stock wheels in back. Front disks and rear wheels and tires are coming.



What looks like 24 cases of oil in the bed is really the engine cover!



# A Greenbrier Story

“Come get it or I’m towing it to the junkyard”. That’s what my wife’s cousin said to me in 1976. He had been using it for his parking lot striping business. Since the floor was lower than regular vans it made it easy to get the striping machine in and out. He couldn’t keep a clutch in it and so finally after being parked in front of his house for months the police told him to get it off the street. It turned out that he was using a late model pressure plate with and early model flywheel. A little work later, the old Greenbrier was ready to go. With a 100,000 miles on it, the old 80hp engine gave way to a new 110 and with a cool set of Malibu SS 14x7 rims and we were rollin’. With the 4-speed transmission it made a very nice family vehicle. This picture was taken in Denver where we lived at the time.



We put lots of miles on it and ended up moving home to Arizona where it got a new paint scheme and served us well as we hauled our four kids everywhere, took the Boy Scouts to all parts of the state and towed a tent trailer to Rocky Point, Mexico several times a year.

Notice the evaporative cooler on top of the roof. It didn’t cool great but it was better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick! It was Coleman unit and parts became very hard to come by so it was eventually replaced with a sun roof.

We finally let the Greenbrier go to a good home in the late 80s after putting more than 140,000 miles on it.

The lower Colorado River is a great place to enjoy. This is a picture of our little Boy Scout troop on a week-long trip to the lower Colorado River. The Greenbrier would carry nine passengers and plenty of gear. The boys made folding kayaks for the trip and here you can see the boys and the boats ready to take to the waters. It would be interesting to see that if a modern-day mini van could have done the job as well!

*Van Pershing*





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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.

## MEETING PLACE:

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