

Classics of Tucson 2010

The mid-month activity for October for the Tucson Corvair Association was the Tucson Classic Car Show. I was held on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Only three cars were in attendance but they represented the Corvair world quite nicely. The only thing missing was a late model. President Ken Farr, Ron Bloom and Allen Elvick all brought cars to this annual event and, as always, the vehicles attracted a lot of attention.

Photos courtesy of Chris Cunningham.



The photo above shows the TCA "booth" where all in attendance could enjoy some shade and some good conversation. Ron Bloom's Greenbrier (left), Ken and Heidi Farr's '64 convertible (below left), and Allen Elvick's '60 4-door were the only club members to show cars in this year's event.



Tucson Corvair Association



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TCA 2010 Events at a Glance

Wed, Nov 17 **Regular Monthly Meeting.** Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 6865 N Thornydale Road (just south of Ina).

Fri, Dec 17 **Christmas Party.** 6:30pm. Cody's Beef and Beans 2708 E Ft Lowell. Bring a gift to swap and some canned food for the food bank.

ELECTION TIME SOON

It will soon be time to elect new officers for the Tucson Corvair Association. Unlike what we've just experienced in our nation, there will be no campaign ads or town hall meetings. The club needs your help to keep us going for another year. Don't be a stick in the mud. Volunteer to help out. Contact any of the board members and ask not what the club can do for you, but what you can do for the club!

The Thomas Crown Affair
Steve McQueen, Faye Dunaway and the Corvair buggy.



October Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the TCA regular monthly meeting held October 27, 2010 at 6865 N Thornydale Road, Tucson Arizona.

Following dinner the meeting was called to order by President Ken Farr at 7:34 P.M. In Attendance were: Ken & Heidi Farr, Barbara Govostis, Jim & Terry Mills, Don Robinson, John & Amy Young, Frank McKenna, Mark McKenna, Rudy Islas, Allen Elvick, Van Pershing, Glenn Paxton (visitor), Ron Bloom, Lynn Marrs, and Barry Cunningham.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

President Farr reported on three events in which several club members participated.

Three cars from the club were at the Tucson Classics Car Show held here in Tucson, including Allen Elvick, Ron Bloom, and Ken and Heidi Farr.

Ron, Ken and Heidi attended the Cars in the Park Show in Sierra Vista on October 9th with Ken and Heidi's yellow convertible taking first place in the Air-Cooled class, Ron's Greenbrier following closely in second place with a VW coming in a distant third. The red Corvair convertible of a local retired Army officer which has won many first prizes in the past went home disappointed.

Ron Bloom with his Mercedes, Glenn Paxton with his Corvette and Ken with his Yellow Tweety participated in this year's UofA Homecoming Parade. It seems that the good looking girls got to ride in the Corvette and the Corvair got stuck with the guys!

Tickets for the raffle of the '64 convertible at this year's Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet were offered for sale. Several from the club will be going to the event which will be held on Halloween weekend.

Ken passed out registration forms for the Nam Jam Fall Car Show coming up on Saturday, November 13th. Information for the Good Guys Car Show in Scottsdale on November 19, 20 and 21 was also dispersed.

Vice President Lynn Marrs reminded everyone of the Christmas Party. It will be held at Cody's Beef and Beans on Friday, December 17 at 6:30 pm.

Barbara Govostis made a suggestion that it would be nice for all of us to share Corvair resource information. Who knows a good upholstery shop, cheap or special parts, body shop, etc. We agreed it was a good idea and will make a spot on our website for such information. Everyone please share.

Ron Bloom asked club members for tips on installing a 140hp engine in his Greenbrier. It seems that he was so embarrassed about almost not making it up the hill at Kitt Peak that he's going for total overkill!

The raffle winner were Allen Elvick, Mark McKenna, Amy Young, Glenn Paxton, and Barbara Govostis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Submitted by Van Pershing

TCA wants you!

As the year draws to an end, we should all turn our thoughts to the future of the Tucson Corvair Association. The club currently has about 40 members. As is the case with most volunteer organizations, the club has about a half a dozen people who are willing to do just about anything to keep us afloat. By "stay afloat" I mean, plan activities and make sure all the details are worked out ahead of time, supply pictures and articles for the newsletter and website, plan and conduct the board meetings and monthly meetings, and pick a meeting place and make the necessary arrangements. The general membership just has to show up and enjoy. Many times some these half dozen people serve year after year.

Election of officers will be upon in February. The President will appoint a committee to selection the slate of officers for next year. Generally, this committee has a difficult time getting people to run for office. Never in the history of the club has there ever been more than one person run for the same office! But we still call it an "election". In years passed the committee has literally had to beg people to serve and reluctant volunteers are found and they generally do a fine job.

If you are new to the club or even if you've been around for a while, think seriously about stepping up and taking a turn at helping the club succeed. Call any board member and volunteer to "run" for an office. We're going to need a new president, vice president, and several other officers. The club doesn't run itself. We need your help.

Editor

R.S. McLaughlin and the Corvair



I was working at GM of Canada in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, during the time that Ralph Nader was attacking the integrity and safety of the Corvair. At that time, Mr. R.S. McLaughlin, the founder of GM of Canada, even though he was in his very late 80s or early 90s, was still being chauffeured to work every day. He would always make a point to take time to say hello to anyone he met and would sometimes still be at work when a lot of the staff had already left for the day. One morning, to everyone's surprise, Mr. McLaughlin arrived at work being chauffeured in a Corvair. He apparently had gone to the local Chevrolet dealer, the previous evening, and purchased a Corvair and had his chauffeur bring him to work in it. He would park it in front of the administration building, in his parking spot, where everyone would not only see the car, but realize that it was his car. He was determined to show the public that there was nothing wrong with the Corvair and that it was a safe car to drive. It was comical to see the founder of GM of Canada coming to work everyday in his Corvair. He made his point, as this made front page of all the local newspapers.

from the *GM Heritage Center website*.

The GWFBT&SW, Palm Springs 2010

The Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet was held in Palm Springs, California on October 29 through 30. TCA was well represented by Jim Mills' Rampside, Ken Farr's '64 convertible, and Ron Bloom's freshly painted Greenbrier.



Two-door/four-door

Besides being a very nicely done front-engine V-8 conversion, this late model 4-door has been customized into something never seen before. Look at the photo closely and you'll notice that this sedan is now equipped with the larger doors from a coupe. The back doors have been reduced in size and shaved giving the car a very unique look. No further details are available at this time.



High performance driving

These pictures show Bob Peplow in car #44 competing in an autocross event on October 10, 2010. A really close look will reveal that the name of Miss Donna Mae Mims is painted on the the left front fender in pink letters, You'll notice that Mr. Peplow has his Stinger under complete control only two or three tires touching the ground. These driving methods are used in order to go OVER the top cones with actually knocking them down!



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Brad Snow Photo



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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.

NEW MEETING PLACE:

Golden Corral, 6865 N Thornydale Road (Ina and Thornydale), Tucson, Arizona.



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