

## Bisbee Boys & Girls Club Car Show

The Bisbee Boys and Girls Club annual car show was held in Bisbee during the month of September. Ron Bloom and Ken Farr took their vehicles on trekked down to Bisbee for the day.



Ken (left) and Ron showing their stuff.



Mr. Pride and his daughter Leah.....



## 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.

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.

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# TCA 2011 Events at a Glance

Wed, Sep 28

**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).

Sat, Oct 1

**50th Annivesry Show,** Thorobred Chevrolet, Chandler, Arizona. Sponsered by the Cactus Corvair Club

Sat, Oct 8

**Cars in the Park,** Sierra Vista, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Go on line for more information [www.sierravistacarclub.org](http://www.sierravistacarclub.org)

Sat, Oct 22

**Tucson Classics Car Show,** 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. St Gregory High School, 3231 N Craycroft.

Oct 21-23

**Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet.** Palm Springs, California.

Sat, Oct 29

**Cops and Rodders Show,** Hi Corbett Field, on line registration for show and volunteers at [www.copsandrodderstucson.org](http://www.copsandrodderstucson.org)

Thu, Dec 8

**TCA Christmas Party.** This year's party will be held at the Taste of Texas Steakhouse, 8310 N Thornydale (at Cortaro). 7:00 PM. See the website for more details.

## ENTIRE LM CORVAIR INVENTORY FOR SALE

36 pallettes (est. 2 tons) of mostly Late Model parts for sale

140 & 110 eng cases

FC eng cases

Various 95 & 100 heads

LM Turbo w/carb

Like-new crankshafts

Suspensions & parts

Ten PG & manual transaxles (no posi's)

Interior & exterior accessories & components

Boxes of LM + EM Carbs, linkages

Etc. etc. etc.

A 30+ year collection of mechanical repair parts inventory

Very few body parts

All of it **MUST** be removed from it's present location before OCT 15!

Make me an offer.... on OCT 16 everything left will be recycled at the crusher !

Contact Bill - [dryheathere@hotmail.com](mailto:dryheathere@hotmail.com) or call 520-205-1777

## August Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held August 24, 2011 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Bloom at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were John and Amy Young, Joe Hiller, Bill Maynard, Allen Elvick, Don Robinson, Ken and Heidi Farr, Jim and Terry Mills, Ron and Lynn Bloom, Bob Moulton, Dave and Patrick Lynch, Lynn Marrs, Van Pershing, Ed Segerstrom, and Barry Cunningham.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business came from the floor.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Cunningham reported the beginning balance for the month was \$2,913.29 with an ending balance of \$2,912.55.

Van Pershing reported that the new club T-shirt design is nearing completion. He asked that members pre-order shirts in order to have a more accurate estimate of what sizes to order.

John Young gave a report of the national CORSA Convention held in Denver, Colorado the last week of July. He reported that the convention appeared to be a success with an estimated 300 cars represented and 400 to 500 people attending the banquet. 39 cars were in the concours. John has been a concours judge for several years and has attended many conventions.

After a short break, the raffle was held. Winners were Dave Lynch, Heidi Farr (didn't accept), Barry Cunningham, Allen Elvick, Jim Mills (didn't accept), and Lynn Marrs who gave her prize to Bob Moulton.

The meeting adjourned to 7:75 PM.

*Submitted by Heidi Farr*

## President's Message

We had a good time in Bisbee at the Girls and Boys Club Car Show. Going down, no problems. Coming back, Ken had a slight problem with the right carburetor. Whatever it was finally passed though and Tweetie was on its way. We had two out-of-state visitors: Larry Pride and his daughter Leah, who will be staying with us for awhile as she is getting settled to go to the U. of A. Mr. Pride was really impressed with all the fine cars including Ken's '64 Tweetie convertible and my Greenbrier. He did agree my van was really fast and comfortable when we going down hill! Ken was very patient waiting for my Barn Door to chug along up the hills. Back to the car show. There were some really fine cars there. Lynn won a lunch box full of Wildcat goodies. I won two folding chairs and \$20 worth of goodies at Jimmy's Hot Dogs. Larry was wearing a Hawaiian shirt and on some lady told him he was very brave for wearing it since he was from Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. Larry was a good sport about the whole thing. He never complained about the heat even though his face was a little red - the A/C in the van was not working, He was, however, very impressed with the Corvair air-cooled engine and no radiator!!! We stopped in Tombstone for a ice cream on our way back.

## New T-shirt design ready for production - Order yours now!

The final design for the new TCA T-shirt is completed and ready to deliver to the screening company for production.

The design will be in full color and printed on the back of the shirts with a large TCA logo over the left breast on the front. The shirts will be light gray. Featured on this shirt are Ron Bloom's Greenbrier, Ken and Heidi Farr's convertible, and Van Pershing's Stinger. In a couple of years when more shirts are needed, three different cars from the club will be featured.

Please place your order for the shirts you wish to purchase. We need to get a feel for how many and what sizes to order. Contact Van Pershing (743-9185 or vpersh@yahoo.com) as soon as possible to place your order. No payment is required until the shirts arrive. Cost will be about \$15 each. Don't miss out on owning a couple of these great looking shirts!!



## President's Message (continued)

The tune up clinic was fantastic. The coffee and donuts were great and the instructor/teacher, Jim Mills, is so knowledgeable and gave a great presentation on how to "keep your Corvair alive." Things to do before your car breaks down from neglect. (See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.) Ladies in attendance were Lynn Bloom and Leah Pride. On the guys' side were Ken Farr, Allen Elvick, Donald Green and me. Terry checked in on us from time to time to make sure all was running smooth. For those of you that were not there you missed a wonderful opportunity to learn how to keep your Corvair going for another 25,000 miles.

Be sure and come to the next meeting and be ready to order our new fantastic new T-shirts. Van has done a wonderful job putting all this together. It will be classic shirt we can all be proud of. Remember the meeting. Drive your Corvair. Bring a friend!!! Please make plans to go to Chandler on October 1 for the 50th Anniversary of the Corvair with the Cactus Corvair Club. Ken and I went last year, and had a fantastic time. They have some really nice cars and the fellowship is great!!! See you at the meeting.

God Bless  
Ron

# Update on the Denver Corvair Convention

This is my second convention that I have attended since becoming a member of CORSA in 2003. My first convention was in Carlisle, PA. The weather, hotel, food, and friends were terrific during convention week. The host hotel accommodations were very good. Everyone was very friendly, and willing to help you. It was good to see everybody from Arizona that attended and drove their Corvairs. The outside vendors were a little lean in attendance this year, but if you were looking for that rare part you were able to get it. Clark's had their usual large display inside the convention hall. They brought everything possible to fix your Corvair.

The CORSA Board Meeting was well attended by their respective regions of the country. The new website was previewed for all attending members during the annual CORSA general meeting. At this time, the only trouble with the website going online is the CORSA store site. Additional computer hardware must be purchased and that should correct the bugs and have it up and running as a functional website. It is all new and revamped. It was done solely by CORSA volunteers.

The CORSA Board approved a motion to have all CORSA chapters assess a \$3.00 fee to CORSA for all non-CORSA members effective March of 2012. This will also go hand in hand with each CORSA Chapter completing their respective chapter paperwork by March 2012. Those chapters not in compliance will receive one reminder. If, after this reminder it is not sent to CORSA, they will be removed off the CORSA Chapter list until that chapter complies. The last chapter filings were in 2009 in which only 60% of the CORSA chapters completed and sent the necessary paperwork. With this mandate, we can eliminate chapters that are not functional or just don't exist anymore. This finally will give us an accurate accounting of what chapters we truly have worldwide.

The CORSA Convention will be held in the eastern part of the United States in Massachusetts in 2013. Speaking with the organizers it sounds to be another terrific venue by Sturbridge Vil-

lage. Information on hotel room rates, dates, events and trips should follow in the months ahead in the Communicate magazine.

Myself and Minor Flemming went to California on June 4th for the grand reopening of Jeff Williams California Corvair facility. The local California clubs organized a car show at the new facility. Representing Arizona, Minor was able to get some hard to find Corvair parts and scored in a big way. Jeff's new facility is much larger than his older place, and is well organized.

Hopefully, we will have a great showing for the Cactus Corvair Club Corvair Show to be held at Thorobred Chevrolet on October 1st in Chandler, Arizona. Prizes will be awarded as well as refreshments and great company. Please mark your calendars for this event.

The Great Western Fan Belt Toss will be held October 21 through 23 in beautiful Palm Springs, California. We are hoping to see a great showing of Arizona Corvair members. The swap meet area is filling up, and it should be another great time to be had for all in attendance.

For now, drive your Covairs and stay healthy.

Bruce Levitch  
Western Director



## Battery Information

The story on the different types of batteries

*Ever wonder about what's inside your "gel" battery? Here's some information that will put you in the know.*

From Wikipedia:

"A VRLA battery (valve-regulated lead-acid battery) is the designation for low-maintenance lead-acid rechargeable batteries. Because of their construction, VRLA batteries do not require regular addition of water to the cells. VRLA batteries are commonly further classified as: Absorbed glass mat (AGM) battery and Gel battery (gel cell).

These batteries are often colloquially called sealed lead-acid batteries, but they always include a safety pressure relief valve. As opposed to vented (also called flooded) batteries, a VRLA cannot spill its electrolyte if it is inverted.

Because A G M VRLA batteries use much less electrolyte (battery acid) than traditional



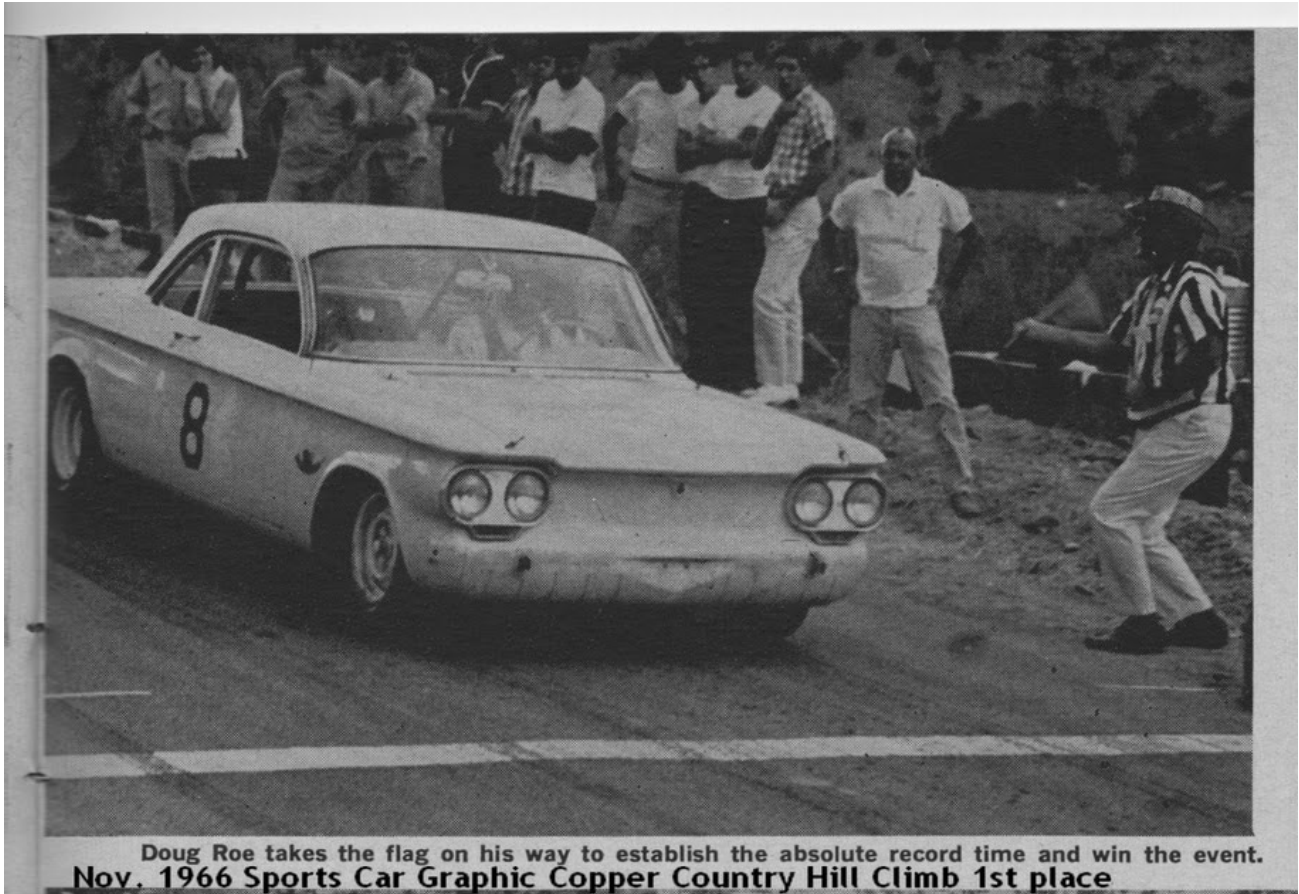
lead-acid batteries, they are also occasionally referred to as an "acid-starved" design.

The name "valve regulated" does not wholly describe the technology; these are really "recombinant" batteries, which means that the oxygen evolved at the positive plates will largely recombine with the hydrogen ready to evolve on the negative plates, creating water and so preventing water loss. The valve is a safety feature in case the rate of hydrogen evolution becomes dangerously high. In flooded cells, the gases escape before they have a chance to recombine, so water must be periodically added.

Absorbed glass mat (AGM) is a class of VRLA battery in which the electrolyte is held on the glass mat separator by way of capillary action.

A gel battery (also known as a "gel cell") is a VRLA battery with a gelled electrolyte; the sulfuric acid is mixed with silica fume, which makes the resulting mass gel-like and immobile."

The Optima is an AGM battery.

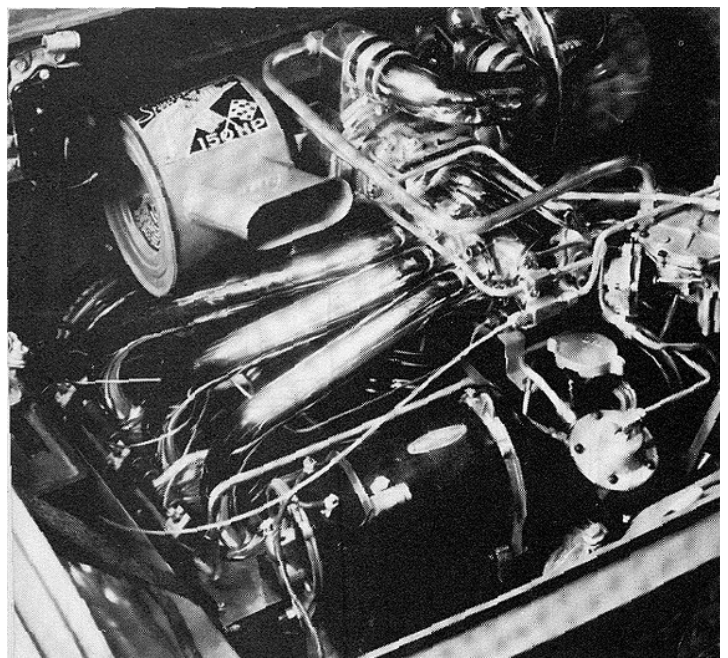


Doug Roe takes the flag on his way to establish the absolute record time and win the event.  
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Clifton, Arizona 1966



Ultimate GM development of the Corvair engine. Overhead Cam, individual carbs, triple vertical cooling fans. It doesn't get any better than this!



TRW made this installation on a 1963 Corvair with a prototype Rochester fuel-injection system. Performance was phenomenal but high cost kept this one out of production. from *Turbochargers* by Hugh McInnes



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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:

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



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