

A Great Show in Tubac

The 18th Annual Collectors Car Show was held in Tubac, Arizona on Saturday, January 28, 2012. With an estimated 400 cars at the show, only six of them were Corvairs. Ken and Heidi Farr were there with Tweety, their '64 yellow convertible. Ron and Lynn Bloom came with his '62 Greenbrier. New-to-TCA, John Nicholson brought his '67 convertible. Charlie Evans' blue V8 was there attracting attention. There were two other Corvairs in attendance, neither affiliated with TCA: a blue '64 coupe and a white '65 convertible. No prizes were won in their respective classes by any of the Corvairs, but it was a beautiful day to be at a car show. Leah Proud and Don Green were also there supporting the Club and enjoying the show.

This show always attracts a wide assortment of very nicely restored automobiles. There was a nice selection of cars from all walks of life this year including Porsches, Mustangs, Corvettes, British cars, and great cars from the teens through '70s, and MORE.

Ken Farr and Ron Bloom took over 130 photos. A few are here and the rest can be seen on the TCA website.



Ron Bloom's Greenbrier (above). Ken Farr's '64 convertible (below)



Charlie Evans' V8 (above). John Nicholson's '67 convertible (below).



These two non-TCA Corvairs were at the show.

Ken Farr and John Nicholson (below) and Charlie Evans (left).



Above is a shot of Herbie and the Beast. To the right is a shot of Beauty and the Beast (Lynn and Ron Bloom).



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TCA 2012 Events at a Glance

Wed, Feb 22

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).

Mar 10 & 11

Corvair Lovers Route 66 Tour. Sponsored by the Cactus Corvair Club. Meet at Deer Valley Exit on I-17 at 8:30 AM on Saturday. For details visit www.cactuscorvairclub.com

Sat, Mar 10

Steering and Suspension Clinic. Hosted by Jim Mills, 2781 N. Sundance Trail, Tucson. 9:00 AM. Come get a complete education on front and rear Corvair suspensions.

Sat, Apr 28

Chevy Showdown. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Catalina Foothills High School, 4300 E Sunrise Dr., Tucson. See the TCA website for registration forms and more details.

Jul 25 - 28

CORSA International Convention. Sturbridge, Massachusetts

Board of Directors meetings are held at 5:30 PM before the regular monthly meeting at the same location. Any general member is welcome to attend.

Beware of the Stinger clone!

In December 2011, *Don Yenke and the Yenke Stinger*, a book by Charlie Doerge, was released. It's an excellent and detailed 270-page account of all things "Stinger". On page 221 there is a section on Clones or Bogus Stingers. The author listed them only to make readers aware that they are out there and possibly protect them sometime in the future should anyone try to represent them as legitimate Stingers. A picture of Van Pershing's Stinger clone appears on page 223.



January Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held January 25, 2012 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

The Meeting was called to order by President Ron Bloom at 7:00 PM. Visitors were introduced and welcomed.

In attendance were: Ron and Lynn Bloom, Fred Nuñez, Don Green, Leah Proud, Max and Nancy Peoples, Rudy Islas, Sandy and Charlie Evans, John and Amy Young, new member John Nicholson, Ken Farr, Allen Elvick, Van Pershing, Lynn Marrs, Frank McKenna, Mark McKenna, Don Robinson, Mike Strong, Bill Maynard, Joe Hiller, CORSA Western Director Bruce Levitch and his wife Margaret, and Cactus Corvair Club President John Seaman. Marty Boehme and his son-in-law Craig Wiland from CORSA Oregon also visited the meeting.

Ron announced that 2012 dues are now due.

Allen Elvick presented this month's treasurer's report. December started with a balance of \$2,365.63 and ended with \$2,367.15.

Ken Farr gave a brief report on the trip to Laughlin, Nevada for the annual River Run car show.

Don Robinson, Merchandise Chairman, let everyone know that there were a few of the new club T-shirts for sale.

Bill Maynard gave a library report.

Lynn Marrs, a member of this year's nominating committee, announced the slate of officers and board members to be considered for next month's election. President: Jim Mills. Vice President: Lynn Bloom, Recording Secretary: Lynn Marrs. Treasurer/Membership: Allen Elvick. Board Member at Large: Don Green. Editor/Webmaster: Van Pershing.

Van Pershing presented a proposal to the assist the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson with volunteers to help with this year's Chevy Showdown which will be held at Catalina Foothills High School on April 28, 2012.

President Bloom asked Van Pershing to go over the proposed changes to the TCA Bylaws. The changes will be detailed in the February Corvairsation and voted upon at the February meeting.

A brief break was taken and the raffle was held. Two prizes netted the treasury \$26.10. Fred Nuñez and Allen Elvick were the proud winners.

Ron and Ken discussed the Auto-Medic car show. Lynn Bloom encouraged the Club to support their show.

The annual Tubac Collectors Car Show is coming up. Ken Farr, Ron Bloom, John Young, Charlie Evan and John Nicholson will be attending.

Cactus Corvair Club President John Seaman invited the club to attend a Route 66 Cruise that the Cactus Club is sponsoring. It will be held on March 10-11, 2012. The Cruise will start in Phoenix on the 10th at Deer Valley exit on I-17 at 8:30 AM. The route goes through Seligman, Peach Springs, Kingman, and will up at the Avi Casino just south of Laughlin. Hotel rooms are available at a discount. For more details, go to the Cactus Corvair website: www.cactuscorvairclub.com.

CORSA Western Director and TCA member Bruce Levitch took the floor to discuss some current CORSA business. First, he encouraged TCA and the Cactus club to have joint activities from

President's Message

This will be my last President message which to some will be a good thing, some won't care, and perhaps, if I'm lucky, one or two will. It has been an exciting year with a challenge or two. As I look back, lots of good things took place. The latest was this past Saturday at the Arizona Centennial Celebration in downtown Tucson. I was asked by Tom Peterson from the Franklin Museum to display my 1962 Greenbrier to help represent the 100-year history of the automobile in Arizona. It was quite an honor that the Tucson Corvair Association was part of the celebration. The oldest car, a 1912 Packard, original cost \$5,500 which, by the way, had a cruise control! For the year 1922 there was a Ford Model T which originally cost \$348. I know it has three pedals. The brake I understood but the other two seemed like one might need some practice to get the hang of. The year 1932 was the Franklin Convertible. Its air cooled engine is set up with the intake/exhaust to warm the air for the updraft carburetor. A fine and very intriguing automobile.

I wish to thank all in the club especially those who constantly volunteer to make this club chug along on all six cylinders. The willingness to work for a common goal is one of the finest human traits. Thanks again everyone. Next year may have some challenges along with the exciting but I know the new slate of officers can handle them. Remember the election of officers this upcoming meeting, please be there to vote and give your support. I read this and don't remember where: "Forgetting where I parked isn't as frustrating as wondering why I drove there in the first place." Enjoy the extra day: its leap year! Drive your Corvair and keep the head lights on. See you at the meeting.



God Bless,
Ron

January Meeting Minutes (continued)

time to time. The 2012 Convention is coming together nicely. The hosting hotel is starting to fill up. The 2013 Convention will be sponsored by the Grand Rapids, Michigan club. Hagarty Insurance and McDonalds Corporation will be big sponsors. He mentioned that many CORSA chapters have disappeared. CORSA is trying to get a handle on all CORSA chapters via a chapter filing which will take place in March. He estimates that there are about 25 chapters that are now defunct. This year's Fan Belt Toss is being hosted by the San Diego club and they will be raffling a '63 Spyder convertible.

Ron Bloom mentioned that his Greenbrier was featured in the last issue of Corvan Antics.

Marty Boehme took a few minutes and informed the club of a couple of major car events that will be taking place in the Pacific Northwest this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Submitted by Van Pershing

Variations of the Lakewood



These are a few of the photos of the variations of the Lakewood that can be found after a few minutes and a good search engine on your computer.



Proposed Bylaws Changes

The Board of Director is proposing amendments to the TCA Bylaws. By rule, these proposed changes must be published in the *Corvairation* and pass by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at the next general meeting.

The Board proposes that the sentence, "In the case that a person holds more than one position on the Board of Directors, that person shall have only one vote" to Article III - Officers and Board of Directors section 1.

It is also proposed that an Item 3 be added to Article III and would read: "3. Removal of Officers or Members of the Board of Directors. An officer or member of the Board of Directors can be removed for any reason whatsoever by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Board of Directors."

These amendments will be voted on at the February TCA meeting.

New Officers

February is the time when new officers and members of the Board of Directors for the Tucson Corvair Association are elected. These officers will take the helm on March 1st.

All members of the TCA are invited to come and participate in this process at the regular monthly meeting on February 22, 2012. Please be there to show your support.



A late model turbocharger with carburetor ready for installation.

What was your First Car?

By Van Pershing

Let us hear from you. Tell us about your first car - if you can remember that far back!

My first car was a 1952 Henry J. I was a junior in high school, and a friend gave me an Oldsmobile V8 engine. So I thought it would neat to put it in a small car. I picked up a Henry J that didn't run for \$65 and brought it home. My dad took one look at the Henry and the V8 setting side by side and decided that it wasn't going to happen as long as I lived at his house! So, I got my first lesson in repairing old cars that didn't run. Henry and I went a lot of places and had a lot of fun together those last two years of high school.

I don't have any pictures of that first Henry J, but a few years later in the late '60s I picked up another one. So the cars my wife and I used were the Henry and a '60 4-door Corvair with a '57 Chevy thrown in for good luck.

A letter from the local draft board and a trip to southeast Asia made an end to all things automotive for a couple of years and the Henry, the '57 and the Corvairs were let go and replaced by something a little more modern.



Me and Henry (circa 1968)



The 1957 Chevrolet 150 with the famous Blue Flame 235 and three in the tree.



The 1960 700 on our wedding day in 1966!

Please share with us some pictures and memories of your first car. Send them to tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com



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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 (just south of Ina), Tucson, Arizona.

Your 2012 dues are DUE!



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Remember when your cup holder sat next to you and wore a poodle skirt?

