

## All-Wheel Drive Corvair

Porsche's solution to the snap-oversteer problem was an all-wheel-drive system. GM's solution to the same problem was... well, there really wasn't one, and what was there wasn't as pretty.

Somewhere out there was a man who wanted the improvements that Porsche made to its cars implemented on his Corvair. He also wanted Porsche power. Here is a Corvair with a Porsche 993 engine and a 964 front end and miscellaneous other mods. Marvelous.

We finally got ourselves up Oakland to check out Alan Louwse's new digs. A great spot right on the water with a truly inspirational amount of funkitude all around the area. Alan has several interesting projects in the works, the Corvair being the closest to hitting the road. It is indeed a wild project. Alan being a Porsche man, it has a 993 engine and transmission fit to a 964 front end. The two are connected with a lengthened driveshaft, as the wheelbase is a full 18" longer than the Porsche's! The Corvair was gutted and Porsche front and rear clips were welded inside the openings in the Corvair and tied into the subframes. The stock Porsche climate control system is up forward, and the chin spoiler produces a slight negative pressure to help pull air from the front-mounted horizontal heat exchanger for the A/C. The interior has the Porsche dash and seat fitted, and the wheels (which I think really look great on the car) are Porsche spare wheels from a couple different models.

The business end. The 3.6L is stuffed in there admirably. The car retains its aircooled six-cylinder heritage, but gains more than double the power and an extra set of drive wheels! Alan says the handling so far seems great, but it hasn't been out of the immediate area so there will likely be some shake-down tales to come. We were suitably impressed by the level of weirdness which perhaps exceeds our own.

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# TCA 2012 Events at a Glance

Sat, Sep 15

**BBQ at the Elvicks.** We'll spend an afternoon with good food and good people.

Wed, Sep 26

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

Sat, Oct 6

**Annual Birth of the Corvair Car Show.** Thorobread Chevrolet, 2121 N Arizona Ave., Chandler, Arizona. Arrive 8:30am. Show starts at 9:30am. Sponsored by the Cactus Corvair Club.

Sat, Oct 13

**Tucson Classics Car Show.** St. Gregory College Preparatory School, 3231 N. Craycroft, Tucson.

Sat, Oct 13

**Cars in the Park Car Show.** Presented by the Sierra Vista Car Club, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Sat, Oct 20

**Kitt Peak Adventure.** A cool day with an insiders tour!

Oct 26-28

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

Sat, Nov 3

**Cops and Rodders Car Show,** Hi Corbett Field, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Nov 2012

**Tech Session**

Dec 2012

**Annual TCA Christmas Dinner.**

Sat, Feb 2

**Tubac Car Show.**

Feb 2013

**Tech Session**

# August Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held August 22, 2012 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

Meeting opened at 7:17, by our president Lynn Marrs.

In attendance the meeting were: Mike Stone, Allen Elvick, Ken Farr, Mike Lake, Lynn Marrs, Ron Bloom, Don Robinson, Lynn Bloom, Heidi Farr and Lydia, Bill Maynard, and Jim Mills.

President Lynn Marrs did not have a report. Vice president Charlie Evans was not in attendance.

Ken Farr reported on all the ladies hugging him for the ride in Tweetie at the Up With People reunion with Joel Rushworth. It must have been an exciting event. If you want details, call Ken he can fill you in.

Bill Maynard showed his pictures of Mount Graham. If you want more detail's contact Bill.

Allen Elvick gave his treasure's report.

Don Robinson gave his merchandise report.

No other reports were given.

Raffle brought in \$20.00, Winners were Mike Lake, Bill Maynard, Don Robinson, Mike Stone, Allen Elvick, Jim Mills, and Heidi Farr. Thanks to all those who won and redonated some of their winnings back. THANKS to all.

Tech Talk: Mike Lake talked about his car being down and not having time to work on it. Bill Maynard talked about his idler arm, if anyone has info on this please call Bill Maynard.

Don't forget the barbecue at the Elvick's at 3:00pm on September 15. Bring a dish to share. The meat, coleslaw, sodas and bottled water will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

*Submitted by Lynn Bloom, Recording Secretary*



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# President's Message

Greetings all,

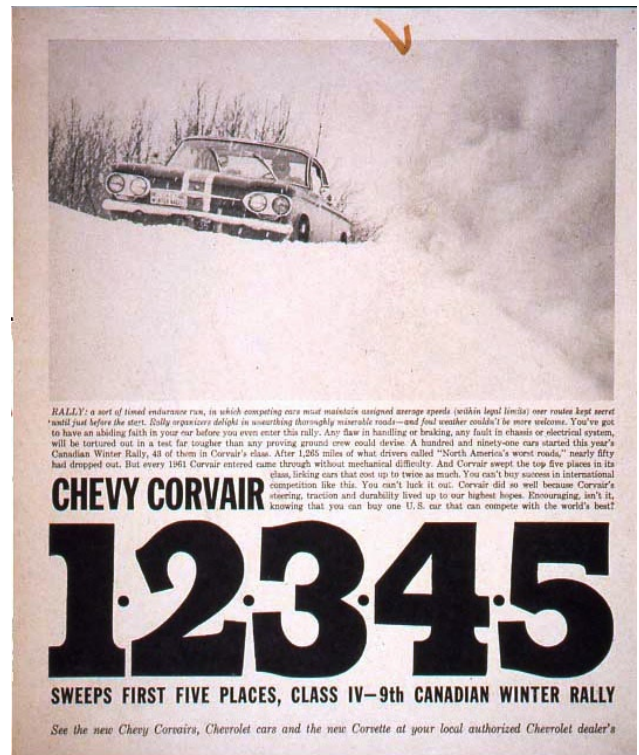
I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and survived the heat and humidity. I was most grateful for all the rain we got. Seemed almost like an old fashion monsoon from the 1970's. It's been a hot summer but it looks like we'll be finishing it off with some cool activities.



There is a schedule change for September. Bob Moulton who will guide us through Kitt Peak has asked that we change the date to October 20, which we will do. It will be a great time to drive your Corvair up into some cool country and enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour from a real expert.

On September 15, the Elvick's will graciously open their doors for the annual barbeque which is always so much fun. You do not want to miss this. There is a museum that they have put together, along side a fabulous workshop and breath taking antique cars. So mark the date. Be sure to RSVP to Allen and Maryanne Elvick as soon as you can. We shall see you there!

As always proud to be your president,  
*Lynn*



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# The Canucks and Finns Invade Tucson!

At the regular July meeting, the Tucson Corvair Association had a visitor. Joel Rushworth of Victoria, British Columbia, a member of Western Canada C O R S A , attended and made an interesting request.

Joel was a member of the Up With People cast which is an international education organization best known for its musical performances and volunteer service to the community. It seems UWP was having a class reunion here in Tucson and Joel was trying to find a Corvair to borrow so he could give a couple of his fellow cast members from Finland a ride in a "real" American car.



Arrangements were made with Ken Farr and the Joel and the girls got to spend some quality time with Tweety.

Joel was pretty excited about the event and went back to Victoria with a renewed enthusiasm to work on his own Corvair projects.

## VW Bus Sidecar

Last month we showed you a VW bus tent, wishing they would make a Greenbrier tent.

Well, some creative soul made a sidecar for his scooter in the form of a VW bus. What is it with people and their VW busses? We want to see more Greenbrier stuff!



# Turbo Corsas take over TCA

The TCA went for years without a single Turbo Corsa in the club. In fact it was rare to see any turbocharged car at a TCA event. Now the dam has broken loose and there seems to be a plethora of them. How many is in a plethora, you ask? Well, There are at least four in different stages of restoration.



*John Young recently finished this beautiful '66 Turbo Corsa*



*Van Pershing is nearing completion on this '65 Turbo Corsa Convertible.*



*Mike Lake is making some serious progress on his Turbo Corsa Coupe (above), while Chris Cunningham's Turbo Corsa convertible waits for the master's hand (below).*



# Thermostat Bracket Modification Makes Life Easier

After struggling with reassembling the lower shroud and bellows attachments, it finally dawned on me, a relatively easy way to do it.

Problem A: It was almost impossible to attach the swivel/rod to the door after the lower shroud with the bellows was attached to the engine.

Problem B: Likewise it wasn't easy to attach the swivel/rod to the door first and then try to get the bellows attached to the lower shroud.

My solution: cut a minimum amount of material off the thermostat bracket. This way the control rod/swivel can be attached to the door with little trouble with the shroud and bellows out of the way. The bellow is then attached to the control rod, and the bellow slipped into the modified bracket and secured with the nut.

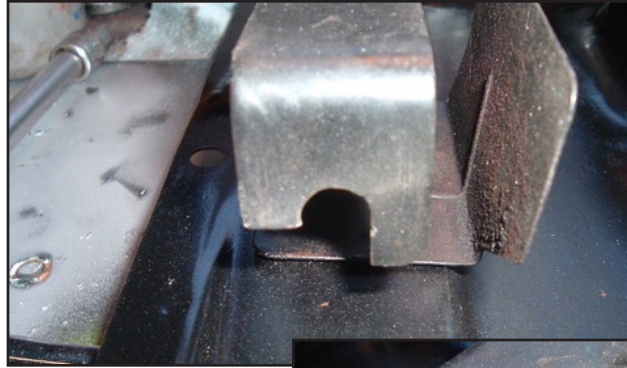
The hanging lower shroud can be temporarily moved an inch or so toward the door to reduce any tension on the bellow. The nut is then put on the threaded end of the bellow which should stick out of the bracket enough.

I found the after tightening the nut to the bellows, it was easy enough to push the lower shroud to the front and just pop it up to a good tight fit.

The advantage is when the shroud is pushed up into position, the door can be checked for proper operation. If too tight/loose, just lower the shroud, loosen the nut, turn the bellows, adjust the control rod and re tighten the nut.

Check proper operation and install the attaching hardware.

Mike Kovacs





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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.

Board of Director meetings are held at 5:30pm before the regular monthly meeting at the same location in the months of January, April, July and October . All members are welcome to attend.

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