

## Tucson's St Patrick's Day Parade

On Sunday, March 17, downtown Tucson came alive with Celtic tradition as the 26th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival brought the Irish spirit to Tucson. The St. Patrick's Day Festival opened at 10:00am at Armory Park (Military Plaza) on S. 6th Ave.

An hour-long Parade will began at 11:00am at Stone and 16th Street, making its way through Downtown and ending at Armory Park. This years Grand Marshal will be Jim Critchley, Tucson Fire Chief.

The 2013 parade will featured marchers, floats, military units, local dignitaries, media and entertainment personalities, civic, cultural and social groups, and our own Ken and Heidi Farr with their '64 yellow convertible. The Tucson parade has a 26-year history and provides a good time for the entire family.



*Colleen Kelly Beaman, a member of the Tucson- Roscommon Sister Cities organization was the honored guest that rode in Tweetie. Colleen is a professional dance instructor and entertainer.*



## 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) for members of CORSA. Add \$3 per person for non-CORSA members. Make checks payable to the Tucson Corvair Association.

Change of Address: Report any change of address or phone number to the Membership Chairperson.

CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Comminique, a bi-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 2013 Events at a Glance

Apr 24, Wed

**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).

Apr 27, Sat

**28th Annual Chevy Showdown.** 9:00am to 4:00pm, Home Depot Plaza, 4302 N. Oracle Road (Oracle and Limberlost).

Apr 27, Sat

**Club Cook Out.** 4:30pm, Mills' home 2781 N Sundance Trail, Tucson. Come and enjoy some chicken or steak and some good company.

May 11, Sat

**Carburetor Clinic.** Jim Mills', 9:00am, 2881 N Sundance Trail, Tucson. Jim will teach us the fine art of rebuilding the Corvair HV carburetor.

Jun 15, Sat

**Mt Lemmon Run.** Detail will be coming soon, so keep your calendar free for a fun day in the cool pines.

Jul 16 - 20

**CORSA National Convention,** Kalamazoo, Michigan

Jul 18, Thu

**Cruise In at Freddy's.** 6:30pm. A gathering of over 100 great cars at Freddy's Hamburgers, sw corner of Orange Grove and Thornydale. Bring your Corvair and hang out for a fun evening.

August

**Breakfast at Todd's.** Ryan Field. Details to follow.

September

**Madera Canyon Picnic.** Details to follow.

Oct 12, Sat

**Cars in the Park,** Sierra Vista, Arizona

Oct 19, Sat

**Classics of Tucson Car Show** at St Gregory's. More details as the become available.

Oct 25 - 27

**36th Annual Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet.** Sunrise Park, Palms Springs, California

Nov 2, Sat

**Cops and Rodders Car Show.** More details as they become available.



## March Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held March 27, 2013 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Lake at 7:15pm.

In attendance were Mike Lake, Don Murray, Jim and Terry Mills, Bill Maynard, Barry Cunningham, Ed Segerstrom, Don Robinson, Van Pershing, Ron and Lynn Bloom, and Allen Elvick.

Old Business: A sign up sheet was passed around for those willing to help with duties at the Chevy Showdown to be held on April 27 at the Home Depot Plaza on Oracle and Wetmore.

New Business: The Cactus Club will be holding a picnic at the Lost Dutchman Park in Mesa, Arizona on April 6 from 10am to 2pm. Members of the TCA are invited to join them. There is also a car show scheduled for April 13 at the El Camino Baptist Church, 7777 E Speedway, Tucson. The Spring Car Show will be held in Sierra Vista on April 20.

Vice President Lynn Bloom reviewed the activities that are planned for 2013.

Treasurer Allen Elvick reported that the cash on hand at the beginning of February was \$2,200.72 with an ending balance for the month of \$2,402.72.

Merchandise Chairman Don Robinson reminded everyone that there are T-shirts and oil filters available for purchase.

The raffle was held following a brief intermission. Mike Lake, Barry Cunningham, and Allen Elvick won prizes. Next month, Mile Lake, Don Robinson, and Lynn Bloom will be providing the raffle prizes.

Tech Talk: Barry Cunningham talked briefly about the plethora of problems he has been having with his car. They are way too numerous to mention in these minutes. Barry sold his Corsica convertible to a 16-year-old young man who is planning on joining our ranks and will be attending the meeting next month.

Don Robinson asked about using urethane bushings in one of his cars.

Announcements: Jim Mills reminded us that the Cook Out that will be held at his home following the Chevy Showdown is for everyone, not just those who attended the show. We would like to have a good showing at the Cook Out to help eat all the steak and chicken! As an added bonus, Jim will give tours of his newly constructed shop.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

*Submitted by Van Pershing*



## President's Message

For those of you who did not attend our last meeting we have put together a list of monthly events currently through September. If anyone has an idea for an event, please don't be shy; let us know as we still have a few months to fill in. Speaking of events, Saturday, April 27th there is the Classic Chevy Show, at the Home Depot located at Wetmore and Oracle. I would like to see as many people as possible attend this show so that we have a strong turnout. Besides, we have to show the other Chevy guys that Corvairs rule. I am not sure at this time if we still need volunteers to work this show. If you would like to volunteer please let Van know ASAP.



After the show, there is the TCA Barbecue at 4:00pm. Jim Mills and his lovely wife have been gracious enough to host this event at their home on the west side of town. This event is open to all TCA members regardless if you made the car show or not. Please do your best to attend. I have been told that last year the members of the Classic Chevy Club outnumbered us, we can't let that happen this year!

On May 11th, Jim Mills will be hosting a tech event at his home. The subject this time will be rebuilding the carburetor. This should be a very informative session. Some may even get a gas out of it!!

Don't forget, the meeting is on the 24th, hope to see you all there.

Stay safe,

*Mike*



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# Sierra Vista Spring Car Show

Ken Farr and his neighbor took their cars to the Sierra Vista Spring Car Show on Saturday, April 20, 2013. His neighbor, Steve, took his '55 Chevy and Ken graced the crowd with his '64 Monza convertible, more well know to us as Tweetie. For the first time in all the years Ken has gone to this show he won an award: the Hot Seat Award. Congratulations to Tweetie for a job well done.

Go to [www.corvairs.org](http://www.corvairs.org) and click on Events and Activities to all the pictures Ken took at the show.



*Tweetie and Steve's '55 Bel Air share adjoining spaces at the Spring Show in Sierra Vista.*



*Lots of great cars attended the Show this year.*





# NCIS and Corvairs.....

In one NCIS episode, a body is found in the trunk of a car in a local wrecking yard. It would be interesting to find the yard. There appears to be a plethora of great cars there.



*In this shot you can see Ducky and Palmer doing their investigation in the trunk of the green Nova. Across the isle are several early and late model Corvairs.*



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*One can only assume that the Hot Seat Award has something to do with the temperature of the seating area of an open car after it has set in the Arizona sun for an hour or two, Ken's Tweetie took the prize!*

## Ron Hill

1955 Graduate of the Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, California



Ron Hill has been an influential figure in the world of transportation design for more than four decades. Hill joined Art Center in 1985 as Chair of the Industrial Design Department. In 1992, he was appointed Chair of the Transportation Design Department, where he stayed until retiring in 2000. Hill's career began after graduating from Art Center in 1954. That year he joined General Motors, where he designed the rear end and fin treatment for the 1957 Eldorado Biarritz. After a stint in the U.S. Army, Hill was involved in almost every area of GM's design projects, and worked abroad at GM's affiliates in Germany, England and Brazil. As a chief designer at Chevrolet, Pontiac and Buick, he led studios that contributed to the designs of the mid-engine Corvette and the 1965 Corvair line, among many other production models. He led the 1972 and 1973 LeMans, GTO and Firebird programs, all 1973 and 1974 Buick programs and advanced Chevrolet products and advanced Cadillac projects such as the Eldorado. Hill and his team designed the forerunner to the 1978 Monte Carlo, new Camaro/Firebird designs, small car projects such as the Chevette, and the original concept vehicle for the Pontiac mid-engine Fiero project, which earned him the Industrial Design Society of America Award for Design Excellence in 1984.



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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 generally 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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