

Corvairs to the Copper Queen

A group of brave TCA members set out for Benson in Corvairs! There were five of them. Jim Mill's Rampside, Ron Bloom's Greenbrier, Bill Maynard's Lakewood, Ken Farr's '67 convertible, and John Young's '65 Turbo Corsa. All five cars made the trip without any blown tires or oil changes!

In all, ten members made the journey on Saturday, November 16, 2013: John and Amy Young, Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, Bill Maynard, Jim Mills, Lynn Marrs, Ken and Heidi Farr, and the newest member of the Club, Josh Dowlen and his fiancée, Ashlee Maez.

They toured the Copper Queen and then drove to Tomstone for lunch.



Five Corvairs amde the trip: Ron's Greenbrier, Bill's Lakewood, Jom's Rampside, Ken's '67 Monza, and John's Corsa.



From right to left: Ron Bloom, Ken Farr, Heidi Farr, Bill Maynard, Lynn Marrs, Jim Mills, Jihn Young, Josh Dowlen, Amy Young, Mike Lake, and Ashlee Maez.

Everybody has on their protective gear for a trip down the shaft



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TCA 2013-4 Events at a Glance

Dec 14, Sat

TCA Annual Christmas Party. Cody Beef 'N Beans. 6:30pm. Bring a gift to exchange. 2 or 3 cans of food for the food bank. A selected menu will be provided.

Jan 22, Wed

Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Kettle Restaurant, 748 W Starr Pass, I-10 & 22nd.

Jan 18, Sat

Little Anthony's Diner: Bring your Corvair to the car show that goes from 10am to 2pm. Registration from 8am to 10am.

Feb 2, Sat

Collector Car Show - Tubac. 10am to 3pm. Tubac Golf Resort. Registration deadline: January 25, 2014. www.carnuts.org

Apr 26, Sat

29th Annual Chevy Showdown. Sponsored by the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson.

May 10, Sat

Mount Lemmon Picnic. Details to follow.

Sep 2014

Madera Canyon Picnic. Details to follow.

New Member

Welcome to **Josh Dowlen**, the newest member of the Tucson Corvair Association.

Christmas Party

The annual TCA Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 14 at Cody's Beef 'n Beans, 2408 E Ft. Lowell, Tucson.

Bring a gift to exchange (\$20 limit) and, if you have any items you'd like to donate for the Silent Auction, please do so. Corvair items and non-Corvair items are welcome.

A couple of non-perishable food items that we can donate to the food bank would also be greatly appreciated.

November Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held November 20, 2013 at Kettles Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm by President Mike Lake.

In attendance were Ken Farr, Jim Mills, John and Amy Young, Van Pershing, Ron and Lynn Bloom, Mike Lake, Allen Elvick, and Sam Pernu.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

The trip to Bisbee for the tour of the Copper Queen Mine and the stop in Tombstone for lunch was discussed. An enjoyable time was had by all. All of the Corvair made the trip in fine form.

John and Amy took the blue '65 coupe to the Cops and Rodders. With over 500 cars at the show it was the only Corvair. They didn't stay for the awards so it is unknown whether a major award was won.

A reminder to all that the Christmas party will be at Cody's Beef 'N Beans on E. Ft. Lowell on Saturday, December 14 starting at 6:30pm.

Alternative meeting places were discussed with no conclusions being drawn.

We are down to our last few oil filters so it was agreed that more should be ordered. Van will order another two dozen.

The January mid-month activity will be to attend the Little Anthony's Car Show. The 2014 dates for their shows has not been published but it is assumed that there will a show on January 18 that we will attend. We will announce a firm date as it become available. The show runs from 10am to 2pm with registration starting at 8am.

New club T-shirts were discussed. Design proposals will be presented by Van. Golf shirts and sweat shirts are also items of consideration. A better quality T-shirt was recommended.

After a short break the raffle was held. Winners were Jim Mills, John Young, Mike Lake, Sam Pernu, and Allen Elvick. January's prizes will be provided by Jim Mills, Lynn Bloom, Ken Farr and Mike Lake.

Technical Items: An informative discussion of how to polarize a generator was had. Sam inquired as to the least expensive place to purchase rood rail weather strips for a convertible. The general consensus was that there is no place to buy that particular item inexpensively. Sam asked for some advise on removing windows.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Van Pershing



President's Message

Hi Everybody,

It will soon be time for our annual Christmas party. Hope to see you all there. It promises to be a fun evening.

Another year has almost passed us by. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope that the New Year will bring you much happiness and success.....especially in your Corvair world. Maybe 2014 will be the year you are able to finish one of those projects you've been working on. Good luck and may the Corvair spirits be with you.

We're planning some great activities for next year. For January we thought it would be fun to inundate Little Anthony's with Corvairs, so we've picked January 18. Little Anthony's hasn't published their 2014 calendar yet, but if logic holds true, there should be a show that day. We'll keep you posted on the details.

We're already taking about the Mount Lemmon picnic for May and another outing to Madera Canyon September. We're also contacting the Cactus Club to see if we can't hook up for an outing and have twice as many Corvairs!

Have a Great Holiday Season!

Mike

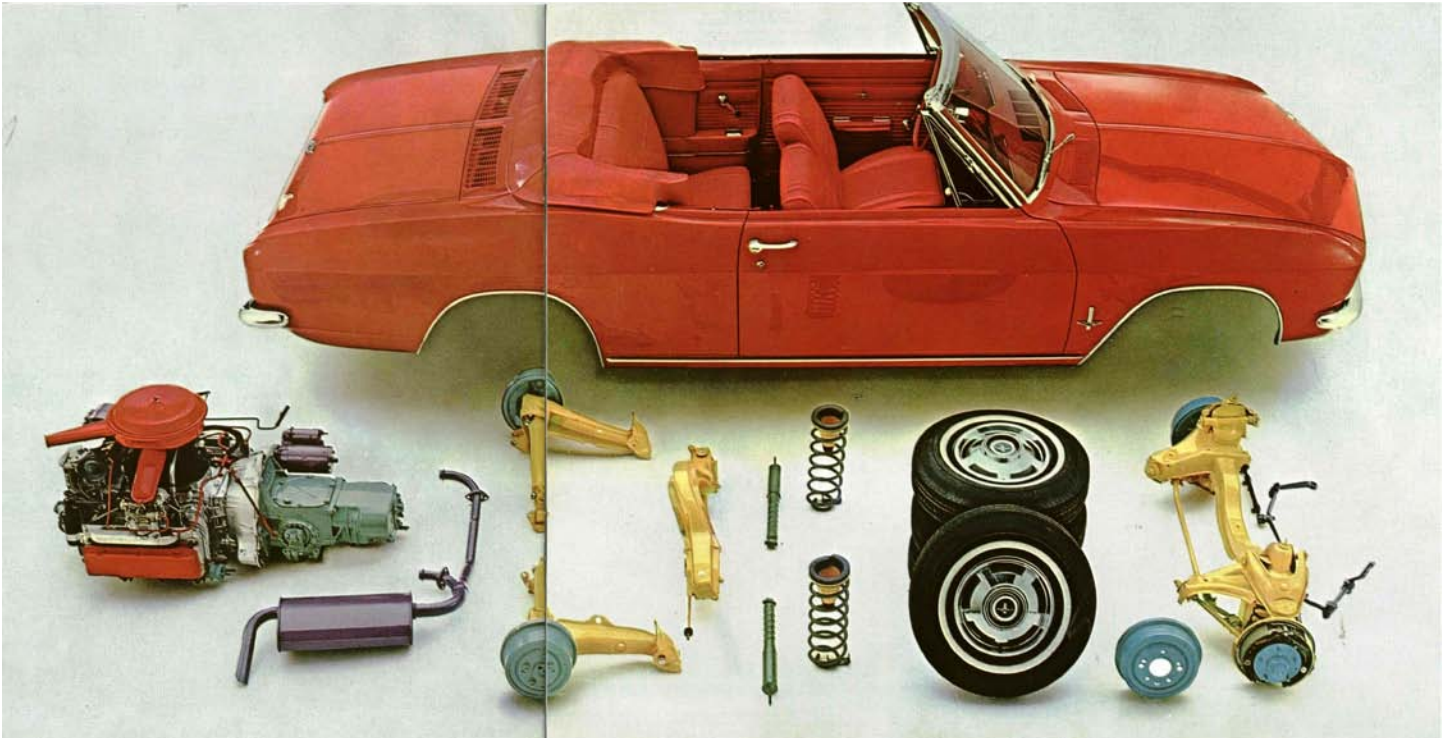


Homecoming Queens



The 2006 U of A homecoming queen was fortunate enough to be escorted by Ken and Heidi Farr in the '67 convertible in this year's homecoming parade, while Gabby Giffords had to ride in an old Camaro. You can't beat a queen riding in a queen!

The Simplicity of the Corvair automobile



To show the simplicity of the Corvair, this picture was part of the '65 sale brochure

Early Model Styling Unparalleled

The early model Corvair will be remembered as a true classic. Yes, the late model had more modern styling and suspension. Placed side by side with the first generation Camaro, it is plain to see they came from the same design team. On the other hand the early model design is completely unique unto itself. There is no other automobile that comes even close to sharing its uncommon styling.

We are lucky today, all the cars look alike so there is no need for the creative design teams that did their fantastic creative work in the 1960s without the fancy computers.





This photo was taken during the Christmas season of 1966. It is not know exactly where the picture was taken but it was somewhere along the central coast of California. The Corvair is, of course, the star of the show but The T-bird, the Studebaker Lark, the '57 Ford, the '59 Chevy and the Chevy pickup make nice co-stars.

America's First Minivan

The Greenbrier was indeed the first American minivan. The only other van in it's category was the Volkswagen, which hardly held a candle to the capabilities of the Greenbrier. With its nine-passenger seating, it still had room for lots of cargo behind the third seat. It's low floor made it easy for passenger ingress and egress or loading cargos. The closest thing to it was the Dodge/Chrysler minivan which wasn't introduced until more than two decades later. The Corvair 95 (named for its 95-inch wheelbase) was also available in a cargo van version as well as two different pickup truck models.





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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.

NEW MEETING PLACE:

Kettle Restaurant, 748 W Starr Pass (I-10 and 22nd), Tucson, Arizona.

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