

'64 Monza Hardtop

Van Pershing

Several months ago Ted Osborne visited one of our regular club meeting and brought with him his very unique '64 Monza.

The car is special in many ways. To give the car a casual glance wouldn't reveal much except maybe all of the badging has been removed and, with its beautiful metallic red paint, looks extremely sleek and clean. But upon closer observation one notices that there are no frames around the side windows and there is no post between the front and rear quarter windows. It's a true hardtop! A peek inside reveals that it has electric windows. One can also pick up on the great treatment given to the exhaust pipe outlets on either side of the rear grill. And then there's the Corvette front blinker lights. Beautiful!

But wait! That's not all. Beauty is more than skin deep on this wonderful little car. Underneath, the '64 rear suspension is completely gone having been replaced with a late model set up. Cruise control has also been added to help make those long trips more enjoyable.

We were completely honored to have this car in the parking lot of our club meeting....but, no one brought a camera to take advantage of its presence. Recently the pictures shown here were discovered on the internet and it seemed like a good time to share them.



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TCA 2013-4 Events at a Glance

Nov 20, 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.

Nov 16, Sat

Bisbee Copper Queen Mine Tour: Meet at the Triple T Truck Stop (I-10 & Craycroft) at 8:00am for breakfast. Leave promptly at 9:00am. After the cruise to Bisbee, we'll head back to Desert Diamond for the buffet.

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 2014

Martin Auto Museum in Phoenix: Possible trip sometime in January

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.

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.

October Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held September 25, 2013 at Kettles Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called order at 7:03pm by President Mike Lake.

In attendance were Mike Lake, Allen Elvick, Ron and Lynn Bloom, Mike Strong, Van Pershing, Ken and Heidi Farr, Jim and Terry Mills, John and Amy Young, and, visiting from Gilbert, Arizona and members of the Cactus Corvair Club, 13-year-old Jonathan Taitingfong and his dad, Joe.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Madara Canyon picnic was discussed. Attendance was less than desired but everyone had a good time. Only one Corvair showed up to this year's St. Gregory's car show. Charlie Evans entered his V-8 Monza. This years Sierra Vista show was well attended by Corvairs, 6 in all, with three from TCA. John Young's '66 turbo Corsa placed third. All who went complained of very poor judging. There appeared to be a bias toward local Sierra Vista cars with little regard to the actual preparation of the cars themselves. Cops and Rodders Show coming up on November 2.

The Bisbee Copper Queen mine tour will be on November 16. Normal admission is \$13 per person and children 4-12 years old \$5.50. Lynn Bloom is trying to get a group rate arranged for us. Dress warm. Temperature in the mine is a constant 47°F. We'll meet at the Triple T Truck Stop at 8:00am for breakfast and leave promptly at 9:00am in order to arrive at the mine for a 12:00pm tour. The tour takes about an hour and a half. Those who wish will head back to the Desert Diamond Casino for dinner.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 14 at Cody's Beef 'n Beans on east Fort Lowell. Bring a gender neutral gift not to exceed \$20. There will also be a silent auction table set up. So if you have an item that you no longer need, bring it along and donate it to the silent auction. Corvair parts are great and other non-Corvair items are welcome as well.

Future activities: For next year another Madera Canyon picnic was scheduled for a Saturday in September that will not conflict with the Nam Jam show. As soon as a the Nam Jam date is available, a date will be set. A Mount Lemmon picnic was scheduled for May 10. The Chevy Showdown will be the April activity. The Tubac show will be the February activity. A trip to the Martin Auto Museum in Phoenix could be a possible January activity.

Allen Elvick gave the treasurer's report. The month of September started with \$2,418.58 in the Club's account with the month ending with \$2,207.58. Report was approved.

Van Pershing reported on the newsletter and website.

After a brief break, the raffle was held. Only one prize was available and the winning ticket was held by Allen Elvick.

It was decided to hold the November meeting at Kettles. Several didn't care for the food, but the location was good and the private meeting room was a nice touch.

For the Tech Session, John Young showed off his recently fabricated thermostat tool that he made from a Corvair dipstick using a tip he saw in the *Communique*.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

President's Message

At last the summer heat is gone and we can now roll down our windows and turn off our Corvair's A/C. Wait a second, for many of us, that was our A/C!

With the cooler weather comes the opportunity to start working on that project again. During the down time many ideas have flowed through my noggin in regards to my car. Some I have dismissed as mere fantasy (502 Big Block with a Porsche transaxle) others, in time, will become reality (Van's deck lid). To me at least, that's what makes building a car so much fun. It's just a life size model car, and, Lord knows, I built my fair share of them. I've learned a lot from my model car building days that has carried on to the full size counter parts. One being the ability to visualize where I want to go with the project, putting together in my mind the steps necessary to reach that goal, and, above all, be patient at all cost. Many of you have experienced that journey; some more then once. It is an amazing feeling to know that your hands, your skill, and perseverance have crafted the Corvair you enjoy so much. In my humble opinion this is the best hobby known to mankind.

I would like to personally wish each and every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. May you enjoyed it with your loved ones. Eat lots of turkey and pumpkin pie. Dave, we will be thinking of you, Buddy. Stay safe over there as the time is winding down, we are all looking forward to having you stateside soon.

Hope to see you all at the meeting on November 20th.

In the mean time try to be good and keep those Corvair running,

Mike



We're not sure what all those little tubes are doing sticking out of the top of the engine, but they sure make it go fast! Paul Siano's '66 is equipped with a 300hp 283 small block. The 2600-pound coupe will do 0 to 60 in 5.2 seconds and the 1/4 mile in 13.4 at 104 mph with a top speed for around 130. With a 44/56 front to rear weight bias, it handles quite nicely as well. Passengers are encouraged to wear ear protection!

Cars In The Park - Sierra Vista

The Cars in the Park Car Show is a great annual event held in Sierra Vista, Arizona. About 300 cars were on hand this year including six Corvairs.

Corvairs compete in the Air Cooled Class, along with Volkswagens, etc. John & Amy took 3rd place in the class. The '63 coupe from Sierra Vista took 2nd place And a VW dune buggy took 1st place. Neither the 1st or 2nd place cars were prepared nearly as nicely as John's Corsa, which was by far the nicest car in the class. It was obvious that the judging was done with local bias in mind rather than the actual condition and preparation of the cars themselves.

Even with the poor judging, it was a great show in a nice venue with lots a great cars on display.



Jim Mills' Rampside and Ken Farr's '67 convertible account for two of the six Corvairs that competed in the Air Cooled Class at this year's Cars in the Park Show.



Ken Farr's '67 Monza convertible was a nice addition to the show. It's an original car in very nice condition.

John and Amy Young's turbo Corsa convertible was clearly the nicest car in the Air Cooled Class and only placed third in the competition.



Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet

Ken Farr and Jim Mills braved the desert and made their way to the Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet in Palm Springs, California the last weekend in October. According to Ken, there wasn't as good a turn out as usual, but from the looks of the pictures he took, there seems to be enough to do to keep the average Corvair enthusiast busy for a couple of days.



Jim Mills runs as fast as he can to get to the swap meet tables.



A late model with fender skirts - a not-so-popular option.



A cool cooler.



Note the clear deck lid on this early model Monza.





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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.

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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