

Another great Christmas Party!

The Tucson Corvair Association out-did itself this year with a great Christmas party. Over twenty loyal TCA members showed up at Cody's Beef 'n Beans on the evening of December 14 for a delicious dinner and some great camaraderie. It was the first evening the Winter Haven neighborhood was open for their Christmas events, so parking was at a premium and Cody's was doing a land office business. Food was donated by all who attended to be donated to the local food bank.

In attendance were Sam Pernu, Barry Cunningham, Chris Cunningham, Ken and Heidi Farr, Allen and Marianne Elvick, Bob Moulton, Ron and Lynn Bloom, Mike Lake and Earline, Lynn Marrs, Bill Maynard, John and Amy Young, Jim and Terry Mills, Mike Strong and Sandy Froman, and Van and Vicki Pershing.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the President's Award. President Mike Lake presented John and Amy Young with a special award for excellence in Corvair citizenship. John and Amy have restored several Corvairs over the years and are the premier examples to all of us.

Another special award was present to Jim and Terry Mills. Jim and Terry have voluntarily opened up their home over the passed several years for a barbecue following the annual Chevy Showdown Car Show.

President Lake then presented this Years Gordon Cauble Award to Ron Bloom. Ron has been a behind-the-scenes helper to Mike and others in the Club lending assistance and advice to new comers as well as the well seasoned Club member.

The evening ended with a gift exchange and a silent auction which included various Corvair parts and books, a bottle of wine, and a gift certificate to Olive Garden.



Ron Bloom was the recipient of the 2013 Gordon Cauble Award



John and Amy Young (left) and Jim and Terry Mills (right) received Special Awards for their service and example.



Barry Cunningham Enjoys the evening.



Everyone enjoyed the evening

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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.

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CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communique, 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 2013-4 Events at a Glance

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.

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.

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.

Personalized TCA Business Cards Available



These cards are great for TCA members to show their Corvair pride. If you'd like some cards with your name and information plus a photo of your car (or a car that you wish you could have), just send your information along with the photo of the car to tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com. Cost is \$1.25 per 10 cards. If you don't have a photo we can find one for you.

Old School Corvair Racers



President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We had a nice turn out at the Christmas party. That was very good to see. Next year we are recording a Christmas Album, so practice your singing!!!!

The new year is upon us and the focus will be on planning new club functions that we haven't done before. If anyone has an ideas please speak up no matter how obscure you think it might be. Toss it out there, it just might stick.

On Saturday the 18th we have the Little Anthony's show to attend. I believe it runs from 10- 2. Let's have a strong showing of cars.



As of this writing, the Vice Presidents position is open. Ladies and Gentlemen don't miss the opportunity to step up and make a difference.

That's all for now. See you at Little Anthony's.

Mike

Newest TCA Members

Harry and Rita Ransom re-joined the Tucson Corvair Association recently. Harry was a member of the TCA back in the 80s. The Ransoms live in Las Vegas and are members of the Las Vegas club as well as CORSA. Harry is presently serving as the secretary of the Las Vegas club.

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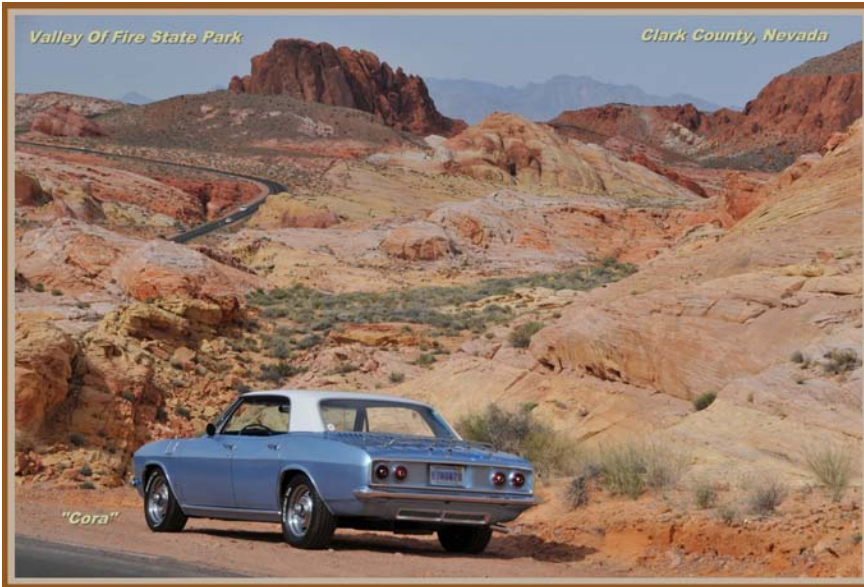
Valley Of Fire State Park

Our newest member is Harry Ransom of Las Vegas, Nevada. Harry is active in the Vegas Vairs Club currently serving as secretary. He is also a member of CORSA and his '67 Monza Sport Sedan appeared on the cover of the *CORSA Communicue* just last year.

The picture below shows the cars with 13-inch wheels and the mag-style hubcaps that you don't see very often. The picture to the right shows it with 15-inch rally wheels. Harry went with 15-inch wheels because of the scarcity of 13 and 14-inch tires.

Harry suggests that if you're ever in Las Vegas it's worth the short trip to Valley of Fire State Park. It's the oldest and largest state park in Nevada dedicated in 1935. It's just six miles from Lake Mead and about 50 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

A big "Welcome" to Harry and Rita Ransom!



To the Left is a photo of beautiful rock formation called "The Wave". It's clear to see why it's named Valley of Fire. Below is a photo of another wild rock formation called "Elephant Rock".





Recently Rocky Mountain CORSA member, Steve Goodman was involved in a rather serious auto accident. Rocky Mountain President John Dawson reports: “Our resident RMC Historian and all-around guru of anything Corvair, Steve Goodman, was able to walk away from a rather bad automobile accident on 6th Ave when the driver of a 2011 Ford Fusion did not apply the brakes and plowed into Steve’s grey/white striped 1966 Corsa daily driver. The car is a total loss and I’m quite surprised that he was at work last Saturday, considering the damage done to the car. It’s certainly amazing how well the Corvair held up in the accident... says something about “old technology.” Steve tells me the engine was pushed forward 6 inches and windshield pillars were cracked. His seatback was bent where it encountered the edge of the folded down rear seatback. Little will be salvagable except perhaps heads, carbs, front suspension, steering, and the wheels and tires.

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Windshield Wipers?

Mary Anderson, an American property developer, filed the first patent for a car window cleaning device in 1903. It was a crude contraption, operated via a lever within the car. The driver had to manually crank the thing while driving, a concept that caused many skeptics to deem dangerous and distracting. Still, it was preferable to opening the car’s door and driving with one’s head out, something Anderson witnessed herself. The windshield wiper was born.

While today’s wipers operate via motors, not hands, and many automatically activate by sensing water on the glass, the general concept remains as Anderson imagined. But McLaren Automotive sees an opportunity to replace those rubber and metal arms with, essentially, a force field that repels water.

And it’s not just about driving faster.

The system would work by using

ultrasonic vibrations to shake the rain and debris off the windshield. McLaren is keeping the concept close to its chest, but there are a few key reasons ditching the wiper would be good for a sports car maker: It would save weight by ditching the motor that powers the blade, and a cleaner aerodynamic profile - something that’s fundamental for any carmaker seeking ultimate performance. And such a system could improve fuel economy, a concern that even supercar builders have to wrestle with.

Here’s what McLaren design director Frank Stephenson said in an interview recently about why McLaren wouldn’t just give its owners a bottle of Rain-X instead:

“It took a lot of effort to get this out of a source in the military. I asked why you don’t see wipers on some aircraft when they are coming in at very low levels for landing.

I was told that it’s not a coating on the surface but a high frequency electronic system that never fails and is constantly active. Nothing will attach to the windshield.”

McLaren confirmed that while it has no plans for production yet, the automaker has been pursuing the concept. And there’s a history of the idea; a Japanese inventor filed a patent for just such a system in 1988. The obvious challenge is how it would clean dirt, grime or even ice. A vibration system can repel water, but what do you do when a bird decides to use your McLaren as an expensive toilet?

Here’s hoping these questions get solved and the windshield wiper becomes obsolete. No disrespect to Anderson, but it’s about time we evolved. And McLaren, a company built upon innovation, might just be the company to pull it off.



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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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