

## Corvairs in Hemmings



### 1965 MONZA CONVERTIBLE

Walter F. Baranowski Jr.  
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Is it just us, or are a higher-than-normal percentage of Corvairs well kept by their first owners? Walter bought "Miss Lily," originally a Wisconsin car, from a Florida collector. It's original, including the upholstery, top, engine (never overhauled) and optional four-speed manual transaxle. It's optioned with the wire wheel covers and an aftermarket luggage rack. The Monza received a single repaint, more than 15 years ago, in its original Sierra Tan metallic. For driveability, Walter upgraded to 14-inch radials and installed a dual master cylinder. It augments, he says, "the thrill of kicking her on a cool curve and seeing how fast we can make it."



Here are three of the 19 side bars in Jim Donnelly's article "Corvair Connoisseurs"

This is old news but, the Corvair made the cover of *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine in the August 2007 issue!

Not only that, but there is a 10-page article called "Corvair Connoisseurs" and a 6-page article called "According to Plan".

"Corvair Connoisseurs" by Jim Donnelly explains how Chevrolet's rear-engine marvel commands respect and devotion of its hard-core admirers. The article includes 19 side bar on various Corvair models complete with photos.

"According to Plan" by David LaChance gives a blow by blow description of the beautiful '60 couple shown on the cover. A great article with excellent photos.

If you can find a copy of the Hemmings Classic Car, pick it up. If you can't get a copy, there will be one in the Club library very soon.



### 1961 RAMPSIDE PICKUP

Bill Beckley  
Ypsilanti, Michigan

If the cargo ramp on the side of the forward-control Corvair 95 pickup was such a dumb idea, as some insisted back in the day, then how do you explain the sliding curbside doors on millions of minivans? Bill acquired his 1961 example, one of 10,787 built during its initial production year, after spotting one at the Orphan Car Show in his hometown. Bill trucked it up from Texas, and did a refurbishment with NOS Corvair parts and add-on side rails. Its standard three-speed manual transaxle is floor-shifted. This collector trucklet works for a living, too, hauling farm and gardening supplies. It's properly finished in turquoise and white.



### 1962 MONZA WAGON

Mark Bashara  
Lanesborough, Massachusetts

There are seen-everyday cars, rare cars, and then there's this 1962 Corvair Monza station wagon. Under the Corvair model-and-nomenclature realignment for 1962, the four-door station wagon lost the Lakewood name, and became available in Monza trim. It lasted only until the spring of 1962, with just 2,362 made. Originally from California, Corvair collector Mark's wagon needed little more than a detailing and tuning, despite not having been started in about 20 years. The car's appeal is easy for Mark to lay out: "What I enjoy is knowing that when I pull into a show, I most likely will be the only one there with a Monza wagon."

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## TCA 2014 Events at a Glance

Jul 19, Sat

**Little Anthony's Car Show.** Registration starts at 5pm with the show from 7pm to 10pm. We'll try to par together at the show for an evening of fun.

Jul 23, 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.

Sep 20, Sat

**Nam Jam Car Show,** Chuy's, 22nd and Kolb, 10am to 3pm. For more info: [www.tucsonnamvets.org](http://www.tucsonnamvets.org)

Aug 9, Sat

**Breakfast at Todd's.** Meeting at El Rio Golf Course parking lot at 8:30am and caravan to Ryan Field.

Sep 27, Sat

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

Oct 18, Sat

**8th Annual Tucson Classics Car Show.** 10am to 4pm. Register on line at [www.RotaryTCCS.com](http://www.RotaryTCCS.com). Deadline Oct 10.

Dec 2014

**Annual TCA Christmas Party.** Details to follow.



Frank Trejo recently made a little outing to San Diego and picked up this 1969 convertible. Frank plans on giving the car to his very understanding wife, Gloria, as a birthday/anniversary gift. The gift will be presented to her at the Little Anthony's car show on July 19. We'll have full coverage of the event in next month's *Corvairsation*. President Mike Lake accompanied Frank on the San Diego trip

# June Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held June 25, 2014 at Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

President Mike Lake called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. In attendance were Allen Elvick, Mike Lake, Don Robinson, Barry Cunningham, Bob Moulton, Jan Lake, Ron Bloom, Thomas Trejo, Frank Trejo, Ken Farr, and Ed Segerstrom.

Evening at the Gaslight Theater and old T-shirts were discussed.

It was proposed that the Phoenix Corvair people be invited to the Madera Canyon picnic in September.

Mid-month activity for July will be on the 19th at the Little Anthony's Car Show.

The mid-month activity for August will an omelet run to Todd's at Ryan Field. Meet at the El Rio Golf Course parking lot on Speedway. (No date reported)

Allen Elvick gave the Treasurer's Report.

Merchandise chairman Don Robinson reported that there are Club T-shirts still available and plenty of Corvair oil filters for sale.

Allen mentioned that he had received a call that there is a 1960 4-door sedan for sale.

After a brief intermission, the raffle was held. Winner of this month's raffle prizes were Ed Segerstrom, Allen Elvick and Thomas Trejo won five times.

Tech discussion: Don Robinson talked about his timing issues. Mike Lake talked about carburetor gasket failures. Bon Moulton shared his issues with dash lights and brake lights being on the same circuit. If the dash lights are out the brakes lights don't work. Ken Farr said that his black wrinkle coated valve covers will allow better cooling. Mike Lake added more valve cover information to the discussion.

More discussed on a parts swap meet, a road trip for parts and having more clinics on various topics.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

*Submitted by Frank Trejo*



*This is a sample of what you can do with a late model car that has too many doors. This 4-door body was modified by removing the rear door and grafting in doors from a 2-door car.*

# President's Message

Last meeting we discussed putting on clinics concerning our beloved Corvair. I think we all excel in one or more areas of restoration and/or general maintenance Give some thought to what you could bring to the table and let's discuss it at this meeting. Ken, powder coating the clutch disc does not count! Just kidding. I believe that we all can learn from one another.

For all of you who will be attending the Little Anthony's event on the 19th, please bring flowers and something to say in Frank's eulogy. For all of those who are eyeing Frank's 62, sorry he is leaving it to me in his will.

Let's make this Little Anthony's event a night to remember and show up in force! It's not often we get to show off our cars and get to see one member castrated in the same night. It should be fun. Looking forward to seeing all of you on Saturday night.

Don't forget the meeting on the 23rd.

Till then, pray for Frank, pray hard!

*Mike*



# Gaslight Theater Report

Mike Lake



*Saturday night, June 7 was the theater's performance of Beach Blanket Bee Bop!*

Photos from Ken Farr



*Frank and Gloria Trejo (above) and Ken and Heidi Farr (left) were some of the Club members in attendance.*

Our night at the Gas Light Theater was enjoyed by all who attended. We really had a blast. The show was a riot. We do plan on attending another show here, so please consider attending, you won't be disappointed. I attendance were Ron and Lynn Bloom, Ken and Heidi Farr, Frank, Gloria, FJ and Thomas Trejo, Earline and myself. As soon as the show was over we all met outside and all agreed to do it again. And we will!!!!!!

# Fix that Unsightly Steering Wheel

Van Pershing

The steering wheels on our cars are a half century old and most of them have developed unsightly cracks and crevasses. Sometimes the cracks aren't very big but painting over them or filling them with a little Bondo won't give a long lasting, nice looking restoration job.

The first thing to do is clean the steering wheel and identify all of the places that need to be repaired. Give the wheel a good once-over with some 220 grit sandpaper.

Each crack must be grooved out so the filler will have a little mass after it is sanded smooth. A Dremel with cone-shaped bit will do the job nicely. Using a slow setting on the Dremel so the plastic compound of the wheel does not gum up as the grinding is done.

The grooves are then filled with an epoxy compound. J-B Weld works like a charm and is readily available. Caution: Don't use J-B Kwik. It sets up in 4 minutes but it takes forever (if ever) to get hard enough to be able to sand nicely. Let the epoxy cure for 24 hours.

With a file, the repaired areas can be shaped and then sanded with 220 grit.

A couple of coats of primer and a final sanding with 400 grit then spray with the final color and, Bob's your uncle, you have a nice, new steering wheel.



*Here is just one example of one of the many cracks in this '62 Monza wagon wheel. There were about 25 cracks in all.*



*With a Dremel tool each crack is opened up. Putting a nice deep groove where the crack used to be allows space for the filler.*



*The grooves are filled with epoxy. J-B Weld works perfectly and is readily available. Allow the epoxy to cure at least 24 hours. Note: Use regular J-B Weld, not J-B Kwik. The fast setting stuff doesn't seem to ever get hard enough to sand very well.*



*Careful filing and sanding will make smooth surfaces that will prime and paint very nicely.*

*The finished product: Looks like new!  
For this steering wheel acrylic enamel with hardener was for the final paint.*



#### **SIDE BAR**

#### ***COLOR SELECTION***

The original color of the interior on this car was medium fawn according to the trim tag numbers. Finding a paint color that will do the job is somewhat difficult. Interior colors are generally not in the books at your local paint shop so you have to go prepared with numbers that they can cross reference. The original interior color had a matte finish and I wanted something the same color but in a gloss finish. I did a little research and found that PPG 22128 (GM code 920) was a very close match to the original PPG 22121. The 920 goes by several names including Desert Fawn, Autumn Gold, Fawn Mist, etc.. So I applied Code 920 acrylic enamel to all the painted interior surfaces including the steering wheel.

*paintref.com* is a good resource for this kind of information.

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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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