

# Chevy Showdown 2014

It rained on our parade, but we had a good time!

The day was windy and, in the end, got a little damp, but the event was well attended by the Tucson Corvair community. In all there were only about 80 cars at the Chevy Showdown held on April 26, 2014. Ten of those were Corvairs. In attendance were Ken Farr with his '64 Tweety car and his 'red '67 Monza convertible, Jim Mills brought the Rampside and his '63 convertible, Van Pershing came with the Stinger clone, Frank Trejo came with his '62 Monza coupe, Ron Bloom showed up with his Greenbrier, Sam Pernu was there with his '65 convertible, John and Amy Young brought their beautiful '65 Monza 140hp coupe, Frank Pella, a non-TCA member, was there again with his '68 convertible.

As in the past, several TCA assisted the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson with some of the show logistics. Parking and judging were our assigned tasks for this year's show.

Every Corvair took home an award this year except John and Amy Young who opted to not have the Monza coupe judged and Sam Pernu who had to leave the show before the judging started. Because some of the judging classes have been very poorly attend over the passed several years, the CCCT officials decided to shift some of the Corvairs into other classes for judging purposes. For example, there were not entries in the '65-'73 Modified class, so Van Pershing's Stinger was shifted into that class. Ken Farr's Tweety was shifted into the '58-'64 Modified class, and his '67 convertible went into the '65-'72 Stock Appearing class.

Jim Wheeler, president of CCCT, says they are going to make some changes for next year. "Among many other changes, I'd like us to have at least two classes for Corvairs next year. We could combine them into one or two classes,

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Frank Pella's '68 convertible won 1st place in the Corvair class.

Frank Trejo's '62 Monza coupe was the 2nd place winner in the Corvair class.



Jim Mills placed 3rd in the Corvair class with his '63 Monza convertible.

This nearly perfect '65 Monza coupe has won lots of 1st place awards. Since John Young doesn't have any space left in his trophy room, he opted for the "Display Only" category.



Van Pershing's Stinger was shifted to the '65-'72 Modified class and was able to be towed home (broke a clutch cable on the way to the Show) with a 1st place.



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## TCA 2014 Events at a Glance

Jun 25, 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.

Jul 19, Sat

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

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)

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.



Bob Mounton is getting these carburetors ready for his latest project. Notice that the choke pull-offs are not plastic like we're used to seeing, but metal castings.

# May Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held May 28, 2014 at Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Lake at 7:08pm. In attendance at the meeting were Ken Farr, Bill Maynard, Allen Elvick, Sam Pernu, Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, John and Amy Young, Van Pershing, and Bob Moulton.

Minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved.

The Mt Lemmon picnic was discussed. Those who attended enjoyed the General Hitchcock site and even enjoyed trying to keep up with Bill Maynard in his Lakewood.

The Chevy Showdown was also discussed. There was a great turn out from the Corvair ranks; probably the biggest group at the show with maybe the exception of the tri-five Chevys. The voting for the non-Corvair award that the Club gave was very close. The winner was a beautiful '69 Z-28 with a green El Camino coming in a close second. The after-show BBQ at the Mills' was not very well attended due to the rain, but everyone had a nice time.

No progress has been made to the new T-shirt project due to Van Pershing inability to make contact with the graphic designer who has did our last T-shirt design.

President Lake suggested that we start a parts exchange list. Those who are working on projects could make a list of parts they need and give other in the Club the chance to dispose of parts that they may not have a use for.

Van Pershing presented the potential new Chevy Showdown rules for the Corvair class for future Shows. The Classic Chevy Club of Tucson, sponsor of the Showdown, is proposing that the Corvair class be eliminated and the Corvairs be placed in the '58-'64 "regular" Chevrolet stock appearing and modified classes and the '65-'72 stock appearing and modified classes. The proposal is stems from the fact that those classes have had very poor participation in the passed several years. If the Corvairs are placed in those classes it would mean that early and late models would not be competing with each other and the "regular Chevys would still have a place to go. This year the CCCT had several of the expensive award plaques left over.

Treasure's Report. The balance as of April 1, 2014 was \$2,291.59 with a balance as of April 30, 2014 of \$2,183.94. The report was unanimously approved.

Website/newsletter report was given by Van Pershing. All is going smoothly. Suggestions for improvement were ask for but everyone present was happy with the present status.

Upcoming Activities: June 7 will be an evening at the Gaslight Theater. It was suggested that folks get their tickets soon as they have a tendency to be sold out. Those attending will meet at the theater at 6pm and park the Corvair together. On July 19 the Club will bring their Corvairs to the Little Anthony's Diner Car Show. The Madera Canyon picnic will be held on September 27. Everyone is also invited to bring their cars to the Nam Jam show on September 20.

After a brief intermission the raffle was held. Sam Pernu and Mike lake held the winning tickets.

Bob Moulton showed some carburetors that he is prepar-

ing to put on one of his projects. These unit were a bit unusual in that the choke pull-offs were cast metal instead of the usual plastic ones. He brought a copy of Bob Helt's book on the H series Rochester carburetors. A discussion followed about the use of vacuum gauges to balance and tune Corvair carburetors.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

*Submitted by Van Pershing*

## Projects, projects, projects!

Here are a couple of snapshots of projects that club members are currently working on.



*Ron Bloom is trying his best to get this '65 convertible in shape so he can cruise Speedway on Saturday nights.*



*Van Pershing is putting this '62 Monza wagon together for his daughter who drove a Lakewood in her high school years.*



*Mike Lake, our President, is almost ready to start showing off his '65 Turbo Corsa. Expect great things this fall...er, winter...*

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probably the 1958-64 and 1965-72 Stock Appearing and Modified classes. There were only four entries in those classes this year where 12 trophies were to be assigned. That was before we shifted some of the Corvairs into those four classes", says Wheeler. This would make it so early and late models are not competing against each other and separate modified cars from stock appearing cars. Nobody supports the Showdown more than the Tri-Fives ('55, '56 and '57 Chevy cars) and the Corvairs, so it only makes sense to shift the classes to allow more variety for the Corvairs like has been done for the Tri-Fives.

One of the highlights of the Show was the presentation of the Corvair Award. The Club decided to give a TCA's Choice Award to our favorite non-Corvair vehicle. Ballots were given to Club members and the vote was cast. A beautiful '69 hugger orange Camaro won. See last month's *Corvair-ation* for a picture and more details.

The after Show party at the Mills' was poorly attended due the rain. Several TCA members showed up for a nice meal. On the bright side, there were plenty of steaks left over for the picnic on Mt Lemmon!

*Ron Bloom decided to enter his Greenbrier in the '58-'72 Truck class. The competition was stiff but the 'Brier went home with a Certificate of Merit. (photo by Pete Gregoire)*



*Jim Mills' Rampside was shifted to the '58 - '64 Stock Appearing class and left the Show with a 2nd place plaque. (photo by Pete Gregoire)*

*Second place in the '58-'64 Modified class went to Ken and Heidi Farr's '64 convertible (right), while their '67 Monza convertible (below) took the 3rd place award in the '65-'72 Stock Appearing class.*



*Frank and F.J. Trejo enjoying a great father and son day at the Showdown.*

*A total of 10 Corvairs were in attendance at the 2014 Chevy Showdown in the Home Depot parking lot. Almost 13% of the Show was Corvairs....That's got to be some sort of record!*

# A Great Day on the Mountain

On May 10, 2014 we headed up Mt Lemmon with Bill Maynard, our resident tour guide, leading the way. He took us to a fantastic location: the General Hitchcock campsite. This will be the site we use in the future. Along the way we saw a host of British sports cars heading down the mountain, which added a nice surprise to the trip. The weather was perfect for a day in the woods. We ate some very tasty vittles and enjoyed some good conversation and laughter. All and all, it was a great day!

In attendance were Ed Segerstrom, Sam Pernu, Josh Dowlen, Ron Bloom, Jim Mills, Bill Maynard, Lynn Marrs, Ken and Heidi Farr, Frank Trejo and his three sons, Jan Lake, and me.

*Faithfully submit by Mike Lake*



*Five Corvairs made the trip. Bill Maynard's Lakewood, Ron Bloom's Greenbrier, and Ed Segerstrom's converttrible (above). Also Jim Mills' Rampy and the Farr's '67 convertible (below).*



*Photos by Mike Lake*



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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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*Mt Lemmon picnic, May 10, 2014.*