

Chevy Showdown

It was another beautiful day in Southern Arizona, at a Home Depot parking lot off Oracle. We ended up with 8 Corvairs. Two excellent late model restorations from Maricopa, Van's awesome wagon, Mike's Red Rocket, Frank Pella's 68 Convertible, John and Amy's Blue convertible, Gloria's 69 convertible and Frank's 62 Corvair. At the end of the day the Corvairs ended up taking advantage of the Corvair and modified classes with six out the eight taking awards. After the show several of us congregated to Christopher Columbus Park for the cookout. There was some serious eating and we celebrated Sam's 19th birthday. Just earlier they had pegged him for 28 years old. We had the pleasure of two Classic Chevy Club members Jay & Ann and their



Top left to right: Vairs in a row. Green Surburban-club pick. Van's wagon, latest masterpiece for his daughter. Ernie's Blue LM from Maricopa. Early Nova/Chevy II- lost our club award by 1 point. The crew out at the

Picnic-Ramada #7. Below is the other LM from Maricopa belonging to Joe. Sam eating his 12th piece of cake, actually he was serving others. Below is Red Rocket Last pic is Frank's Corvy heading Corvair Row.





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TCA 2015 Events at a Glance

May 16, Sat

Titan Missile Museum

Meet at Home Depot of the I-19 and Irvington @ 930

For those folks living in the greater Green Valley area, we will meet you at the Museum at around 10:00AM. Afterwards, if you all would like, we can have lunch at Greg and Amy's Twist and Shout 50's Diner. It is located just a few miles from the Museum and has a nice fifties theme to it.

May 29-31

2015 Tri-State Rally

Friday May 29 to Sunday May 31. See Mike & Frank

June 20, Sat

Mt. Lemmon Get away..... Stay tuned for meeting location

July 25, Sat

Little Anthony's Car Show

host Club. We need to be parked in place by 4pm and try to stay until the end, about 9pm.

Oct 23-25

Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet

October 23-25, 2015
Palm Springs, California
Good time to buy from Clark's and get a discount.

Nov 28 & 29

Pomona Swap Meet in Phoenix

@ Arizona State Fairgrounds. Corvair Cruise???



Torquefest 2015 great thought with not so great execution. If held next year, the Corvair community must plan and execute a showing. Photo opportunities at a Museum of this kind are not always available and you get the run of the area for your entry fee. It was a good time but Mike, Thomas and Frank missed everyone else...maybe next year?

March Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held March 22, 2015 at Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

President Lake called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. In attendance were Mike, Sam, Van, Rod, Bill, Eileen, Bob & Carol, Don, Jet, Javier, Gloria, Frank, Barry & daughter and Chris.

Torquefest-minimal Corvair attendance. Need to improve for next year. Met Brian Albee-local classic car insurance agent-will ask to guest speak at future meeting.

Chevy Showdown-club pick will be most 1st place votes, if tie then most 2nd place votes wins. BBQ at Ramada #7 immediately after the car show. Reminder on judging and parking(730) help for showdown

Titan Museum May 16th. Meet at Home Depot I-19/Irvington @930 am. Group rate only with 10+prepaid. Tristate Corvair Meeting end of May. Mike & Frank attending.

Mt. Lemmon BBQ June 20th, likely General Hitchcock spot. Little Anthony's July 25th. I will call DJ John to see about being host club.

Get car cards with early models on one side and later ones on the other.

New Business

Hot Rods having cruise in for Isaiah at 5pm on April 29th
Ma 9th Cutting edge collision show on S. 4th Ave of Casa Grande Hwy.

Bill's Last Chance Garage has been graced with Bob Traylor's lift. Call to reserve. Clinics coming.

Sam reviewed treasurers report, it was approved.

Don brought merchandise to sell at the break
Chris, Bill, Thomas were drawing winners. Frank, Jan, Mike, Don will bring gifts next drawing.

Tech session Barry's clutch cable broke at pulley. He was unable to get vair started and ended up being voltage regulator.

Frank external regulated alternator available through Autozone. Use east coast zip code to get 35.99 pricing. Local pricing at 50ish dollars.

Van change plumbing on old fuel pump and is now a bypass for his electric fuel pump but it looks stock.

Mike was having seat belts sliding with stops.

Member Needs

Mike Lake is looking for a Lakewood. Please call 520*979-310

Van is looking for a 66-69 transmission, vpersh@yahoo.com

Frank Pella has late model used cream convertible top for \$30, Frank Trejo is looking for his number.

Frank Trejo is looking for a thermistor. Please call 480*459*6308

Dave Lynch needs both LM front shocks 520*861*4348

Great Western Fan Belt Toss

It's still several months away, but now--a-days time flies and in just over 5 months we will be taking several parts from some of the donor cars our members have shared. If you have donations (in the form of parts or cars) please contact Mike or Frank so they can coordinate pickup. I would like to tell you it's tax deductible...but it's not. Just makes you feel good!

President's Message

Bob Traylor has been kind enough to lend Bill Maynard his 4 post lift so that club members can use it in his absence. Many thanks to Bob for doing this for the club. Any member that wants to use it just needs to contact Bill in advance.

We had a very nice turn out at the Chevy Showdown. Two very nice Corvairs came down from Maricopa to join in the fun. Both cars placed in class. Thank you, Ernie and Joe, for making the long trip down to participate in this show. It was truly a pleasure to have meet you and your wives and I look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

I have attended a number of car shows in the past month and a half with the Red Rocket. It has generated great interest from quite a few twenty something males who want to know what it is and where they can get one. I'm hoping this will spark some new younger membership. Frank has launched a Facebook Page for the Tucson Corvair Association which I think will attract the younger potential club member. If anyone has anything they would like to contribute to this site in the way of information ie: how to info, etc, please contact Frank or myself.

We had a dismal turn out for the BBQ after the Chevy Showdown. I would like to thank Jay and Ann from the Classic Chevy club for attending our BBQ. We need to rethink this BBQ and determine whether it is worth going through the trouble of putting it on. We spent a lot of money on this, not knowing who will or will not attend. The plus is that what we have left overs, we can use during the Mt Lemmon BBQ in June. So with that said, please try to make the Mt Lemmon BBQ so that we can consume this left over food and drink.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Titan Missile Museum on the 16th at 10:00 am

Tell then, take care,

Mike



Save this little guy...it is being held at Az U pull & save auto. As of late April it was not in the general lot but sitting in the locked lot, monitored by mgmt.

'62 Monza Wagon - One in a Million

By Van Pershing

The Corvair station wagons only had a run of a year and a half – all of 1961 and half of 1962. The Ford Falcon wagon outsold the Corvair wagon by 4 to 1 and so when production facilities were needed for a convertible Corvair model, the station wagon assembly line gave its life for the new model.

In 1961, 26,042 Lakewoods were produced in both 500 and 700 trim. In 1962, the Lakewood moniker was dropped as well as the 500 series. 3,716 station wagons in 700 trim were produced and another 2,362 in Monza trim. Total Corvair station wagon production for both years was a paltry 32,120 units.

1962 was the biggest year for the Corvair with 292,531 cars and 35,969 FCs rolling off the production line, giving the station wagon a whopping 1.9 percent of all Corvair sales that year. To put things in perspective, three time more Greenbriers were sold.

Fast forward to December 2006. I purchased a 1962 Corvair Monza Station Wagon from Frank Sharp who was still living in Tucson at the time. It was in pretty rough shape but all the parts and pieces were there along with some extras. Work started on the project in October 2013. I was hoping for an easy restoration but there was way too much rust to make it anything but easy. After a couple of years of hard labor and several thousand dollars of US currency, the project was finished. Since my daughter drove a '61 Lakewood in her high schools days, the car will find its new home at her place in Chandler, Arizona.

The car is equipped with the 145 cid, 102hp engine and a 4-speed transmission, and 3.27:1 differential gears.



When she saw the finished product, daughter Lisa said she was going to send the picture to Coca Cola. A few days later a Coca Cola license plate was installed.



One of the nice things about having a car with all the pieces is that we ended up with an original jack and lug wrench that are not visible in the picture above because they are tucked neatly behind the spare tire.

Frank Sharp is a former member of the Heart of America Corvair club. At the left is a picture of Frank and the Monza wagon that appeared in the Johnson County Star on May 25, 1983.



Proper care of a Corvair

Frank Sharp of Overland Park polished his Corvair station wagon Sunday during a show by the Heart of America Corvair Owners Association at 63rd Street and Brookside Boulevard. About 15 cars, produced by

Chevrolet between 1960 and 1969, were displayed, although few spectators came by. Mr. Sharp said his wife drives the Corvair every day. (staff photo by Rick Musacchio)

Monza Wagon – continued

The wheel covers on the car were not an option until 1964, but they look so nice on the Wagon. Daughter Lisa drove a Lakewood in high school and these are the same covers that were on her car then. So a little bit of the past carries through.



A Clark's seat kit and door panels were used that match the original interior. The steering wheel had several cracks and was reworked and painted to match the rest of the interior. For a little extra safety, three-point seat belts were installed in the two front seats.



The engine is a stock 102hp, 145 cid unit. A GM 10SI alternator replaced the generator and voltage regulator for dependability and ease of replacement if ever necessary. Since a late model oil filter adapter had to be used with the alternator, the car has two places where one can add oil. A handy feature for any Corvair! A magnesium cooling fan replaced the old steel unit.



The cargo area was completely carpeted along with the back of the rear seat and the filler panel. This really dresses up the interior of the car.



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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.

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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1960 Sedan beyond saving and with a one way ticket to Corvair heaven.



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