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Last month we took a look at some of the applications Corvair engines have been used in non-Corvair vehicles. This time, we'll take a look at some of the non-Corvair engines that have been used in Corvair cars and trucks,



Oldsmobile

This late model couple is set up with a Porsche all-wheel drive system.



Several years ago a fellow decided to try a Jaguar V-12 drive train placed in the front (right). Since they are a pancake design, Subaru engines are an interesting choice in a Corvair. Below is a sample of a mid-engine set-up.



There are a couple of nice Chevrolet LS V-8s that have found their way into the engine bay of Corvairs.

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TCA 2016 Events at a Glance

The **Corvairsation** is a monthly publication of the Tucson Corvair Association, which is dedicated to the preservation of the Corvair model of the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors. The Tucson Corvair Association is a chartered member of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) as Chapter 357.

Membership dues are \$15 per year for individuals and \$18 for families. Initial dues are \$19 for individuals and \$22 for families (includes one name tag). Make checks payable to the Tucson Corvair Association and mail to the TCA Treasurer.

Change of Address: Report any change of address or phone number to the Member-ship Chair.

CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communiqué, a bi-monthly publication. CORSA mem-berships 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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- Aug 24, Wed** **Regular Monthly Meeting.** Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7pm. Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell, Tucson, Arizona.
- Sat, Aug 20** **Breakfast at Todd's.** Meet at El Rio Golf Course, Speedway east of I-10 at 8:30am to caravan to Ryan Field.
- Sep 17, Sat** **Nam Jam Car Show.** 10am –3pm at Chuy's, 22nd and Kolb. [More Information.](#)
- Oct 15, Sat** **10th Annual Tucson Classic Car Show,** The Gregory School, 3231 N Craycroft, Tucson. 10am-4pm
- Oct 28 - 30** **GWFBT&SM,** Sunrise Field, Palm Springs, California
- Oct 29, Sat** **Cops and Rodders Car Show,** Hi Corbett Field, Tucson, Arizona.
- Nov 12, Sat** **A Visit to a private automobile collection.** Details to follow.
- Dec 17, Sat** **TCA Christmas Party.** Rusty's Grill, 2075 W Grant Road. 6pm to 9pm

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New addition to the TCA website: A *Corvairsation* index

A new [Corvairsation index](#) has been added to the *Corvairsation* page on the Club website. Each article and feature is listed on a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that is downloadable. When you open the spreadsheet you can find which issue of the *Corvairsation* the article you are looking for is located. Every issue of the *Corvairsation* from 2006 to the present will appear on the spreadsheet. The index will be updated as each new issue of the *Corvairsation* is released.

Rear engine arrangement in a late model with Subaru power.



July Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held July 27, 2016 at Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. In attendance were Sam Pernu, Bill Maynard, Aileen Hurtado, Don Robinson, Allen Elvick, Bob Moulton, Dean Hawley, Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, Frank Trejo and Raul, a new member of the TCA.

The treasury report was given by Allen Elvick. The balance in the bank at the beginning of June was \$1,823.74 and ended with a balance of \$1,832.74.

Don Robinson, merchandise chairman, has oil filters for sale.

Raul introduced himself. He owns Instrument Development Corporation which is a machine shop. He has many vintage cars including a couple of Corvairs. He is currently looking to make an electric powered Corvair.

Upcoming events:

- Breakfast at Todd's on August 20. Meeting at El Rio Golf Course at 8:30am.
- Chuy's Car Show on September 17.
- Cactus Corvair show at Thorobred Chevrolet in Chandler on October 1.
- St Gregory's Car Show on October 15.
- GWFBT&SM on October 28 to 30 in Palm Springs.
- Club event on November 12 will be a visit to a automobile private collection that is open to the public.
- This year's Christmas party will be at Rusty's on Grant just east of Silverbell. Date to be determined.

Tech Session:

The problem Dean was having with the driver's door on his Corsa was rectified by Frank when he taught him how to open a car door.

Frank's El Corvino is missing the front third of the body. The rust and truck floor have been repaired. Front end splice is next on the list.

Ron Bloom's Corsa has a clutch rattle that goes away when the clutch is pressed in slightly.

The '63 4-door is going to salvage along with some other items this weekend. The convertible that Ron Bloom donated will more than likely also go to salvage.

The El Corvino will receive dustless blasting sometime in the future at the cost of \$600.

Rowe Kaple is still trying to sell the '64 coupe.

FJ Trejo is off to serve in the US Coast Guard next month. Wish him well.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Frank Trejo

TCA members visit the Cadillac Ranch

Cadillac Ranch is not a ranch but a public art installation and sculpture in Amarillo, Texas. It was created in 1974 by Chip Lord, Hudson Marquez and Doug Michels, who were a part of the art group Ant Farm. It consists of what were (when originally installed during 1974) either older running used or junk Cadillac

automobiles, representing a number of evolutions of the car line (most notably the birth and death of the defining feature of mid twentieth century Cadillacs: the tailfins) from 1949 to 1963, half-buried nose-first in the ground, at an angle corresponding to that of the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt.



In a recent Corvair hunting trip, several TCA members passed through Amarillo, Texas and were able to visit the Cadillac Ranch.

Handy Tools for Any Corvair Owner

Van Pershing

Many of us already have the tools shown here or something that will do the same job, but it doesn't hurt to have a little reminder of how we can save some time when doing work on the Corvair.



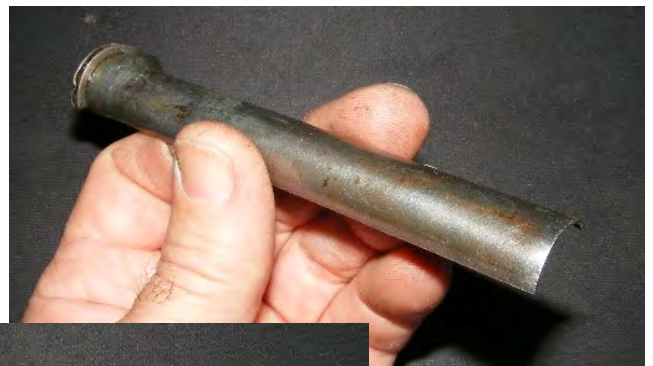
Above, this handy tool, which is available at most any parts store, is used to remove the little clip that hold inside door handle and window cranks. This tool really works well. I went for years without one....What was I thinking?

Below, this tool was designed to remove the more modern clips that we are used to on our Corvair, but it works beautifully for removing door panels and some trim parts. I usually put a piece of electrical tape on the back side so the paint doesn't get damaged from the prying action.



Pulling your steering wheel off to repair or replace a turn signal switch isn't easy to do without a wheel puller that is specifically designed for steering wheels. The ones that are most common are bulky and difficult to use and they take up too much room in the tool box. A simple piece of 1" wide x 1/4" thick steel with a couple of holes drilled in it to match the threaded holes in the steering wheel hub. In this example the mechanic got fancy and added a bolt in the middle to crank down and lift the wheel off, but it's not needed. Just grab an appropriate sized socket out of your 1/4"-drive set and place it between the steering shaft and the steel plate and tighten the two bolts into the hub. A couple of cranks will loosen the steering wheel right up and it cost almost nothing.

Years ago I purchased a special tool for removing pushrod tubes with damaging them. It works great, but here's an idea that not only works great but it's virtually free. The idea comes from Craig Nicole. It takes less time to make than it does to "repair" a smashed pushrod tube. Cut an old pushrod tube down the middle lengthwise, cut it to an overall length of a little under 7", widen the "open" end so that it will fit over a pushrod tube and you're done. The widened end slides up into the cylinder head so a screwdriver can be used as a lever between the inboard end and the oil pan lip.



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Some prefer their power source in the front of the car. Here are two nice examples of what can be done with Chevy V-8s. The one on the left is using a good old small-block Chevy and the one on the right is power by an LS with nice "Corvair" trim pieces over the valve covers.



For the person with more dollars than sense, a SBC Rampside may be for you (left). A 455 Olds Toronado drive train fits nicely in this late model coupe (above).



Our own Charlie Evans occasionally saddles up his late model coupe which sports a nice small-block Chevy V-8 and shows it off around town.





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Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the Fourth Wednesday of every month with a bull session starting at 6:30pm and the meeting starting at 7pm.

The November meeting is traditionally held on the third Wednesday. The December meeting is our annual Christmas party with the time and place to be announced.

MEETING PLACE:

Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell, 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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