

Hot August Nights

RENO, NEVADA. Hot August Nights is the largest nostalgic car show in the country. August 2nd marked the 30th anniversary of the show and Harry Ransom, a member of TCA and Vegas Vairs, was there and has shared some photos of this year's extravaganza.



~JERRY'S JEWEL~
CORVAIR RAMPSIDE PICKUP



63/64 Corvair Spyder
Turbocharged



"OF COURSE-UH!"

BUT, WOULD YOU BELIEVE A 540 CU.IN. BIG BLOCK?!"





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.

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CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communiqué, 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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Oct 15, Sat

10th Annual Tucson Classic Car Show, The Gregory School, 3231 N Craycroft, Tucson. 10am-4pm

Oct 27, Wed

Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell, Tucson, Arizona.

Oct 28 - 30

GWFBT&SM, Sunrise Field, Palm Springs, California. For registration form and complete information go to http://corvairs.org/TCA_events.htm

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. There will be a silent auction and a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a gift to trade. \$20 maximum limit.

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Gerbils Wanted

According to a reliable source, the power being supplied to Ron Bloom's convertible by this 140hp engine isn't any better than the power that could be supplied by a couple of healthy gerbils. Rather than spend exorbitant sums of money on replacing or rebuilding the engine, it was decided to ask for some outside help. Although the sign asking for a charity handout reads "feed the gerbels [sic]", it has also been suggested that more gerbils might be a better solution, or perhaps switching the gerbils out for several much larger, more powerful guinea pigs!



September Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held September 22, 2016 at Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell, Tucson, Arizona.

Our Recording Secretary was out of town on meeting night and therefore was unable to record the minutes of the meeting.

Name this song.....think back to 1972.



As if our Corvairs weren't squirrely enough in a good cross wind to begin with, this option was available to test the skills of even the best driver!

The First Corvair

1954 Corvette prototype



Long Road from Sonata

Ron Bloom's new evening orchid convertible dropped a valve seat in Sonata and got to ride home on the back of a tow truck. We don't know why Ron would be crazy enough to venture outside the city limits but he eventually paid the price!



Luckily the seat did not break. Only a smiley face on the top of the piston remains as a reminder of the event.



Tip for possible Steering Wheel

ChevyWorldParts.com sells a 16" steering wheel that is listed for the '64 -'66 El Camino among others. It looks suspiciously identical to the wheel used for the Corvair during those same years and sells for just \$220.



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Get that “Stinger Look” without the Expense

Van Pershing

There are a few in the Club, and elsewhere, who love the looks of the Yenko Stinger deck lid. The shape and size of the spoiler are just right for the Corvair body style. Unfortunately, an actual replica of the Stinger deck is almost impossible to come by these days and are a little pricey. But don't worry your pretty little head! There is an alternative!

Steve Heeter of the San Francisco east bay area has a solution that will do the trick. He fabricates steel pieces that can be attached to a stock deck lid and made to look just like a Stinger lid. There are actually several options one can choose to get the job done at a very reasonable cost. You can order a set from him that are all bent and formed to the proper shape ready for welding together, or you can order the steel pieces cut to the proper shape and do your own forming and bending, or you can download the pattern from his website www.tintail.net and do the whole thing yourself.

Not happy to leave thing well enough alone, Steve is currently working on a reliable way to add the air doors. We'll keep you apprised.



The spoiler kit includes 4 pieces that can be easily shipped (above). Everything must be welded together and the end cap seam must also be welded (right). After welding the finish bodywork must be done (above right). The unit is then attached to the deck lid (below right). The finish product looks like a real Stinger lid (below). The holes for the cove trim must be added to complete the project.



Note: the license plate reflects a bit of the Steve's car's history: "Field Find".



One Great Big Bug!

Ron Bloom ran across this huge Volkswagen, and even though it has nothing to do with our Corvairs nor is it even air-cooled, we thought it would be a fun item to take a look at.

Have you ever wondered what a 1959 VW Karmann Cabriolet Convertible would look like if it was built 40% larger? Well, Richard Tupper, his son and two other shop guys over a three year period of off and on work built this great big bug. It's built on a lengthened and widened Dodge Truck chassis and powered by a Hemi. Everything else was hand built and fabricated in house. He's still working on a couple of minor items such as the parking lights that will be perched on top of the front fenders. Even the deck lid has the proper drain boxes and lines. Richard says there's not a single Volkswagen parts in the whole car.



Here's Richard at 6'-2" crouched next to his little Beetle.





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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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We will miss you, Amy



On September 12, **Amy Young** left this life and bid a fond farewell to her husband John. Amy has been a member of the Tucson Corvair Association for many years and always campaigned for TCA and the Corvair. She had been a "permanent fixture" at almost all of the car shows we've attended and nearly all of our monthly meetings. She will be greatly missed by one and all.