

23rd Annual Collector Car Show: Tubac

The 23rd Annual Collector Car Show sponsored by the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts was held at the Tubac Golf Resort on January 28. The weather was good and lots of cars showed up for the event. There were four Corvairs on display in all their glory. Ron Bloom brought his '65 Convertible, Mike Lake was there with the '65 red Turbo Corsa coupe, John Young came with his '65 red Turbo Corsa convertible taking first place in his class, and Frank Pella of the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson brought his blue '68 Monza convertible. Also Dave Lynch was in attendance snapping pictures and lending support. Bob and Carol Traylor were also in attendance. Bob brought a 1937 Packard from the museum for all to enjoy.





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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 Membership 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 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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TCA 2017 Events at a Glance

Mar 4, Sat	Caliente Clowns Car Show , 3502 N Pinal Parkway, Florence, Arizona. Setup starts at 8am. Registration Form
Mar 11, Sat	Breakfast Outing , Cozy Corner Café, 2530 S Harrison at Golf Links, Tucson. 9am.
Mar 22, Wed	Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Pizza Hut, 2943 N
Apr 8, Sat	Chevy Showdown , Desert Diamond Casino. Information & Registration Form
Apr 22, Sat	Cactus Corvair's Annual Picnic. Eldorado Park, Scottsdale, Arizona. Click for more details .
Jun 2-4	33rd Annual Tri-State Corvair Meet. Taos, New Mexico. Go to
Jun 22-Jul 1	CORSA International Convention. Independence, MO. Go to www.corvair.org/2017convention/

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2017 TCA Officers

This year's new TCA officer's were ratified at the February meeting and will take office on March 1.

President: Dave Lynch
Vice President: Mike Lake
Recording Secretary: Van Pershing
Treasurer: Allen Elvick
Board Member-at-large: Frank Trejo
Membership Chairman: Ron Bloom

February Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association held February 22, 2017 at Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Lake at 7:02pm. In attendance were Dave and Patrick Lynch, Frank and Gloria Trejo, Allen Elvick, Dean Hawley, Mike Lake and Earlene, Ron Bloom, John Young, Doug Scott, Bill Sala, Don Robinson, and Frank Pella.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Tubac show was discussed. John Young won the first place award in the '65-'69 class competing against more than 30 other cars of all makes and models.

Frank Pella, president of the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson and the newest member of TCA, took the floor and asked for volunteers to help with the upcoming Showdown. Judges and assistance with parking are greatly needed. He also spoke briefly about the reasons for the venue change.

Breakfast at the Cozy Corner Café on Harrison and Golf Links. Breakfast will be at 9am on March 11. Westside members can meet at Rom Bloom's house, 802 S Catalina, at 8am to caravan to the venue.

Other upcoming events: the Cactus Corvair Club annual picnic on April 22 in Scottsdale (see page 2 for details). Rodders Day Car Show on April 28 on 4th Avenue.

Want ads are now available to CORSA members on the CORSA website (www.corvair.org) free of charge.

Treasurer's report by Allen Elvick: January beginning balance: \$2,780.84 and a closing balance of \$2,754.51.

Don Robinson has relinquished his post as Merchandise Chair after 40 years of service and turned over the reins to Gloria Trejo. Thanks were given to his many years taking care of merchandise sales for over four decades.

Ron Bloom, Don Robinson, and Van Pershing were presented with custom coasters for their service to the Club which were unable to be given at the Christmas party in December.

Break: no fan belt toss was held due to lack of game equipment.

Ratification of the new Club officers for 2017 received a nearly unanimous vote of approval. Dave Lynch, President; Mike Lake, Vice President; Van Pershing, Recording Secretary; Allen Elvick, Treasurer; Frank Trejo, Board Member-At-Large; Ron Bloom, Membership Chairperson; Gloria Trejo, Merchandise Chairperson.

Tech Session: Van Pershing showed an example of the poor materials used in the rubber return fuel line tee used in the turbo charged cars. It basically disintegrated after about 2 years of service causing more than 4 hours of labor to replace. Dave Lynch talked about ease of installing a new nylon pitman arm bushing and the huge difference it made in his steering. Mike Lake asked to be contacted if anyone knows the whereabouts of a passenger's side rear door for a Lakewood or perhaps a 4-door early model door. Mike also gave an update on the progress of front end body work being done on Frank Trejo's Corvino.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by Van Pershing

Annual Spring Picnic with the Cactus Corvair Club

Due to a conflict in dates with the Chevy Showdown, the Cactus Corvair Club has changed the date of their annual spring picnic to April 22 and the location has changed as well. Plus, they have invited us to join them.



There at least 4 or 5 Cactus cars coming for the Showdown.

The picnic will be held at the Eldorado Park which is located at 2311 N Miller Road at McDowell Road (use 1901 N Miller in your device). Eldorado Park is has nicer facilities including a chain of lakes, walking and biking paths, a skateboard park, ball fields, playgrounds, trees, grass, etc. There are even some power outlets for fans if we need a breeze. They have reserved the West Ramada from 10a to 2p with lots of tables and charcoal grill. It's just a short walk to parking and restrooms. There are some games planned one of which may be a fan belt toss as well as trivia or other tasks with prizes to the winners. (Because of Patrick Lynch's professional status, he will not be permitted to participate in the fan belt toss.)

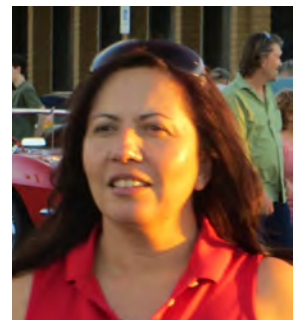
From 2pm to 4pm a visit to the McCormick-Stilman Railroad Park is planned and then from 4p to 6p or so a stop at the Rock and Roll McDonalds Cruise-in is tentatively planned. For more info go to www.cactuscorvairclub.com/upcoming-events.html

Don Robinson steps down after 40 years



For the last 40 years Don Robinson has served the Tucson Corvair Association as the merchandise chairman and received the Man of the Year award, which was then called the Brian Lynch Award, in 1990 for his service to the Club. Don has served the Club in a way that few others have. We appreciate his service immensely.

Now a new person will be the face of TCA merchandising. Gloria Trejo will now be the one to contact for your needs in that area. We welcome her aboard and hope that she'll be around for the next 40 years to give Don a run for his money.



And the battle continues...



Some unknown person recently placed a "lost and found" sign on Mike Lake's car (Left). Another unknown person suggested that the above set of wheels would be a nice addition to Ron Bloom's convertible. Will it ever end??

New hi-tech wrench now available

THIS NEW WRENCH IS AMAZING.
One side is "Standard",

the other side is "Metric".
We truly do live in an age of technological marvels.

This gives the term "pole position" a whole new meaning!



Here's one you may not have seen before.....

For nearly a decade Chevrolet has built rear-engine fun cars. In that time, Corvair has established itself as a firm favorite with U.S. enthusiasts. Reasons: rear-engine design with great roadability. Independent suspension at all four wheels (like the famous Corvette) for supple ride. With the engine weight in the rear, over the driving wheels, traction is superb. (Just ask owners who live in winter climates!) But with all these virtues, why the low price? Chevrolet know-how, that's why.



WILL THE CORVAIR KILL YOU?

A review of an article by Larry Webster that appeared in the spring 2017 issue of the Hagerty Insurance magazine.

Larry Webster, who has decades of experience in racing and testing cars, Takes a '60 Corvair for a little drive on the concrete runway at Detroit's Coleman Young Airport. He's a little nervous about what he's about to do having just read Nader's *Unsafe At Any Speed* that refers to the Corvair as a "one-car accident".

Larry had always wondered if Nader's claims were fair. Pete Kohler, a fellow CORSA member and former GM engineering says the Corvair wasn't inherently flawed, it was just different.

Larry states that even through his outrage Nader actually made some sense, "He wrote about dashboards freckled with sharp knobs", etc. But Larry still wondered about the Corvair.

So he forgot about all the controversy and focused on the machine itself. It was born at a time when General



Motors was the king of carmakers with over 50 percent of the market share in the U.S. and the Corvair was their attempt to anticipate the future. It was meant to be a compact car cleverly engineered to provide lots of interior space by placing the engine in the rear. The Corvair was a complete rethink of the automobile and three years ahead of the Porsche 911. Larry says that if Elon Musk of SolarCity, SpaceX and Tesla fame would have been behind it he would considered a genius!

As Larry drove the Corvair around the runway for the first time he was surprised how small and agile it felt. Compared to his '55 Ford Country Squire. The Corvair is a Ferrari and it was fun!

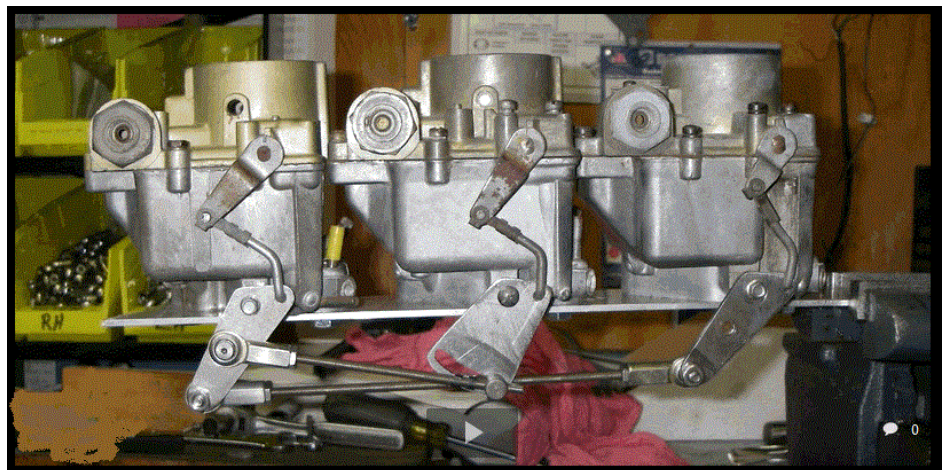
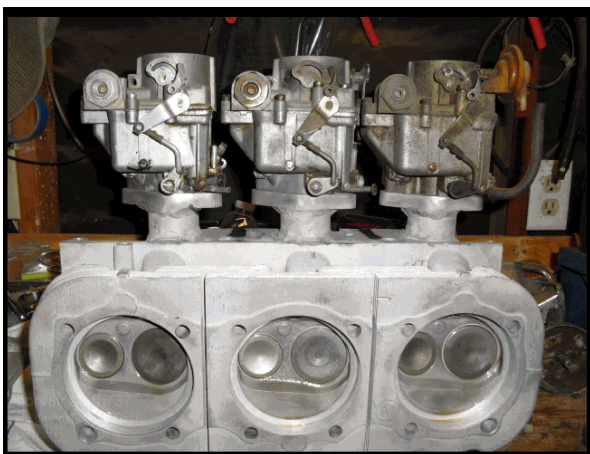
Larry's article was refreshing. Here's a guy who had no real contact with Corvairs before and stepped into test driving the car, researching the car's history, interviewed engineers that actually helped develop the car, took into account the other automobiles of the era and how they compared, and then drew his unbiased conclusions based on his finding. He didn't conclude that the Corvair was a "killer car" nor did he profess it to be the best designed car ever to hit the road. His report was "fair and balanced", as they say.

He concluded by saying, "As for my experience behind the wheel? I'm shopping."

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6 X 1 Carburetor Linkage

Last month we featured Ron Bloom's Roger Parent 4 X 1 carburetor linkage. A set up that makes those with Corsa 140hp cars more at ease with what they have to look forward to when their current linkage wears out. But here are a couple of pictures that showed up on the internet that make even the bravest multi-carbureted fan really nervous. This project is most certainly NOT for the faint of heart.





How do you sell a kit car based off of a VW Beetle with a Corvair engine back in 1969? Get a pretty blonde model and make one hilariously out-of-touch brochure.



THE AMANTE GT BUILD IT ... OR BOLT IT ON!



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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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