

Great Chevy Showdown

This year's Chevy Showdown was another great event. It was held at the Desert Diamond Casino in Sahuarita on April 8.

There were 9 Corvairs at a show of over 140 cars. Four came down from the Cactus Club and took home three trophies.

Go to the website corvairs.org and have a look at all the Corvairs as well as the other great cars that came from all over the state.



Dean Hawley came to the show sporting a brand new paint job on the old convertible (below left). The '49 Chevy pickup (below) was voted best of show by popular vote, first in class by the TCCC judges, best vehicle at the show by the Desert Casino staff, and was the TCA best of show pick.





TCA 2017 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 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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May 20, Sat

Little Anthony's Show. We'll meet at 4pm with as many Corvairs as we can muster to enjoy an evening will follow

May 24, Wed

Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd St, Tucson, Arizona (near Co-

Jun 2-4

33rd Annual Tri-State Corvair Meet. Taos, New Mexico. Go to www.corsaturbo180usa.com for more

Jun 17, Sat

Mt Lemmon Run. Meet at McDonald's on Mt Lemmon Highway and Tanque Verde at 10am. We'll cruise to Summerhaven and find a nice place to have lunch and enjoy the cool mountain air.

Jun 22-Jul 1

CORSA International Convention. Independence, MO. Go to www.corvair.org/2017convention/

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Chevy Showdown pictures



April Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association held April 26, 2017 at Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Dave Lynch. In attendance were Doug Scott, Barry Cunningham, Chris Cunningham, Dave Lynch, Patrick Lynch, Allen Elvick, Bill Sala, Don Robinson, Bob Moulton, Ron Bloom, Mike Lake, Sam Pernu, Bill Maynard, Frank Pella, and Van Pershing. Guests Al and Alma Briggs from Scottsdale were also present.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Account balance as of March 1, 2017 was \$2,325.32 with an ending balance on March 31 of \$2,410.52.

A brief discussion regarding the damaged Club shade canopy resulted in the decision to obtain the canopy cover and try to find a new frame that would fit.

Guests Al and Alma Briggs were introduced. They are visiting Tucson on their honeymoon. They are from Scottsdale and have a '63 Monza powered by a 140 with a 4-barrell carb.

Mike Lake gave a brief summary of The Chevy Showdown and the Cactus Spring Picnic. Frank Pella thanks all the TCA members that assisted with the Showdown. Suggestions were made for activities in which the Cactus Club could join us. Another Franklin Museum tour or a visit to the Old Pueblo Trolley Museum were among the suggestions.

A night at Little Anthony's on May 20 will be the May activity and a Mount Lemmon run to Summer Haven for June 17 will be the June activity.

It was decided to purchase a new banner maybe similar to the one that the Cactus Club brought to the Showdown.

During the break Frank Pella won the fan belt toss 50/50 prize by scoring a record high 9 points.

Van Pershing reported that a project to scan all of the past issues of the Corvairsation and post them on the TCA website is well under way.

Tech Talk

Doug Scott showed an engine casting had been vapor blasted which is a process of cleaning part by using high pressure air, glass beads and water. The part looked nicer than new. For more information go to www.restocycle.com.

Bob Mouton has a set of fresh 102hp heads ('62-'63) available for a reasonable price. He picked them up from Uncle Bob's VW shop.

There is a '53 Oldsmobile Rocket engine available from Old Pueblo trolley. It is a complete running engine. Could be either a 303 or 324. Con tact Bob Moulton.

Mike Lake installed a DALE's vacuum/retard unit on his distributor recently and loves the improved performance of his turbo. He also talked about the dustless blasting project of the Corvino. The results after all the body filler was removed are quite sad. Much rust repair and redo of bodywork to be done.

Ron Bloom talked about the smoking right back of his newly re-ringed 140 on his recent trip to Phoenix. He drove it all the way up and back. Now he claimed the smoking is fixed. He figures the rings must have seated.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Submitted by Van Pershing

From the President

This is part of an email received by President Dave Lynch

The City of Tucson is applying for historic designation for the Northern Miracle Mile Gateway into Tucson. In support of this, we would like to start a permanent, on-going car cruise up and down the Miracle Mile route which starts at Miracle Mile and the freeway than turns south on Oracle, then left on Drachman and finally, south on Stone Avenue. This would just be open to everyone with antique cars and we plan to have drive-off and park areas for the car owners and clubs to gather, socialize, display what they have and meet the public. So far, the Golden Pin Lanes and Pima Community College Downtown have agreed to offer their parking lots for this purpose--PCC offering it by the old neon signs along Drachman. Your organization will be perfect for this as you specialize in antique cars. I would like to invite you to a meeting about this to gather your ideas and decide how we will proceed. The set up should be fairly easy; we mainly need to get the word out to car owners and keep the property owners informed. Please contact me back and let me know. Also, I include a link to a historic study that was conducted on the Miracle Mile below and it makes for interesting reading:

[https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/preservation/Oracle Area Context Study.pdf](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/preservation/Oracle%20Area%20Context%20Study.pdf)

[Historic Miracle Mile Tucson's Northern Auto Gateway](#)

Hanson Fotherby, Oracle Area Revitalization Project volunteer and resident



One of the nicest trucks at the Showdown this year.

Cactus Spring Picnic

April 22 was a great day for a picnic...but wait....it was much more than just a picnic. There was food, of course. After all it was a picnic. There were also games to be played and socializing to be had. Then there was a trip to the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park followed by a huge car show to the local McDonalds. So you could say it was much, much more than a just a "picnic"!

TCA was represented by Dave and Patrick Lynch, Ron Bloom and Mike Lake.

See more at <http://corvairs.org/Events/CactusPicnic17.html>.



Members of the Cactus and Tucson clubs meet at the Eldorado Park in Scottsdale for good food and games.



After lunch the group took an outing to the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale.



Later in the afternoon the group migrated to the local McDonalds to enjoy the many great cars, including Corvairs, that were on display.

TCA.....It's Conception, Gestation, Birth and Maturity

The exact date of the Tucson Corvair Association's conception is uncertain. It was one day in the fall of 1976 when Gordon Cauble, in his Corvair, pulled into the parking lot of an auto parts store on Grant Road and noticed a Corvair convertible.

He went into the store and asked ' Who owns that Corvair?'. Customer Frank McKenna anxiously answered, "Did you hit it?" "No.", Gordon replied and a tech session and exchange of phone numbers followed.

A few weeks later, Betty and Don Chastain happened to drive by Frank's house in one of their several Corvairs and noticed the McKenna Corvairs. They stopped and introduced themselves. Naturally another tech session and exchange of phone numbers ensued. TCA'S gestation was now obvious!

Word was spread that Corvair enthusiasts were invited to meet at the McKenna home. Consequently seven gentlemen gathered. They were Chris Cunningham, Gordon Cauble, Don Chastain, John DeLauro, Walter Mathis, Frank McKenna and Mark McKenna. Outcome: Tucson Corvair Association was born!

The date was 18, December 1975. That night the following officers were elected:

Frank McKenna	President
Gordon Cauble	Vice President
Mark McKenna	Secretary
Chris Cunningham	Treasurer

The next several monthly meeting were held at Randolph Park Center and TCA began to roll! Seven members became eleven. The founding fathers decided to apply for charter membership in the Corvair Society of America (CORSA) and to further publicize the Club by passing out handbills to Corvair owners by placing them under Corvair windshield wipers. Within three months TCA was chartered and by June 1976 TCA had 19 members. But alas, they were all male!

TCA reached puberty in 1977 when women officially joined the Club. In November 1979 reached "legal age" when we incorporated.

We have come a long way. Today we have 86 members representing at least 200 Corvairs.

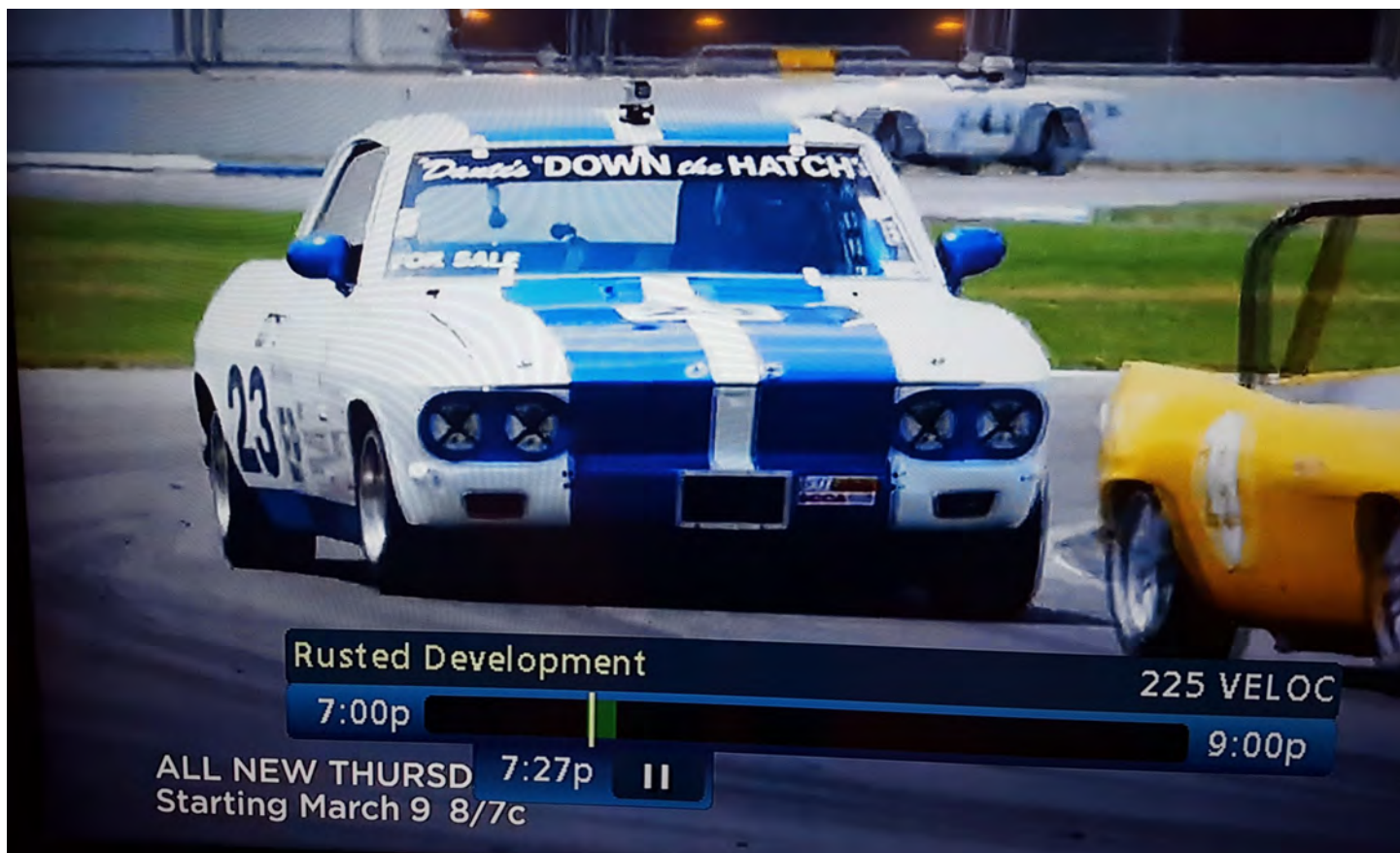
Georgia Lewis, Recording Secretary and Membership Chairman

Corvairsation, July 1987



More pictures from the McDonald's show during the Cactus Club picnic





A screen shot of a recent advertisement on the Velocity channel.



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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:

Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona

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