

## Cactus Corvairs put on a great picnic

On Saturday, April 7 the Cactus Corvair Club sponsored their annual club picnic at El Dorado Park in Scottsdale. About 30 people were there to enjoy the day, including six member of the Tucson Club. There was plenty of great food and about 15 Corvairs to the lust after. Among them were Ron Bloom's evening orchid convertible, Frank Pella's beautiful '68 convertible, Mike Lake's red rocket and Van Pershing's daughter's red Monza wagon.

Activities included a fan belt toss, and a raffle. Dave Dean, president of the Cactus Club, invited one of his students to take some "professional" pictures of individual cars if the owner's wanted.

Other activities for the afternoon included a visit to the fire fighter's museum and later in the evening a car show at the McDonald's near by.

A complete photo gallery can be seen on the Activities page at [www.corvairs.org](http://www.corvairs.org).



*From left to right, Mike Lake, Sam Pernu, Frank Nuñez, Ron Bloom and Frank Pella getting ready to enjoy are great lunch, which can be seen smoking on the grill I the background.*

*Frank Pella and Mike Lake teamed up to represent TCA in the fan belt toss.*



# TCA 2018 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 membership 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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<b>May 20, Sun</b>	<b>Breakfast the Bisbee Breakfast Club.</b> 8:30am at 2430 E Broadway at Country Club.
<b>May 23, Wed</b>	<b>Regular Monthly Meeting.</b> Parking Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Come a little early if you're going to have dinner. Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd St, Tucson, Arizona (near Columbus).
<b>Jun 16, Sat</b>	<b>Little Anthony's Diner Car Show.</b> 6-9pm with registration from 5-6pm. 7010 E Broadway (at Kolb).
<b>Oct 26-28</b>	<b>Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet.</b> Sunrise Park, Palm Spring, California

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## April Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association held April, 25, 2018 at Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona.

Mike Lake called the meeting to order at 7pm. In attendance were Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, John Young, Van Pershing, Allen Elvick, Doug Scott and new member Barry Foster.

Mike Lake volunteered to be the President this year if a suitable person will volunteer. We are now in need of a Vice President.

Barry was introduced to the Club. He has a '65 Monza convertible with a 140hp/4-speed.

Treasurer's Report: Open balance on March 1, 2018 was \$2,564.35 and closing balance on March 31 of \$2,663.37.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

A discussion took place regarding the state of the membership of the Club. A suggestion was made to start a campaign to reactivate old members. John Young suggested writing a personal letter inviting all past member to return. One topic was briefly discussed about folding TCA into the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson if conditions don't improve. This topic will be taken up at the next board meeting.

Mike Lake reported on the Cactus Club's annual picnic. There were 15 cars there 4 of which were from Tucson. Six TCA members attended. Ron Bloom suggested that since the Cactus Club has been so gracious with their invitation to their picnic that we treat all who attend the Showdown to lunch. All agreed.

The May activity will be breakfast the Bisbee Breakfast Club at 2430 E Broadway (at Country Club) on Sunday, May 20 at 8:30 am. The June activity will be to attend the Little Anthony's Car Show on June 16 from 6 to 9pm with registration from 5 to 6pm. The October activity will be the Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet in Palm Springs.

A board meeting will be held before the next meeting on May 23.

Mike reminded everyone to start thinking about this year's Christmas party.

Tech Items: Mike showed a flex plate and explain the folly of installing it backward. It's very difficult, if not impossible, to bolt the transmission to the bell housing. Lesson learned. Ron showed us a late model 3-plate oil cooler. These should be used only in Minnesota in the winter months. Van showed a mechanical fuel pump bypass plate that can be inserted into the old fuel pump when using an electric pump.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

*Submitted by Van Pershing, Recording Secretary*

# IMPORTANT!

## Please take a moment and read this President's Message.

### President's Message

I, through no fault of my own, have assumed the President's responsibilities of this Club. The Club is at a very serious crossroads.

At the April meeting we had six members attend and one new member. This can not continue! I am going to share with you the Cambridge Dictionary definition of Club: *An organization of people with a common purpose or interest who meet regularly and share activities.* Nowhere in that phrase does it say a Club is defined by where it meets or eats or by what, as a member, I can get out of it without giving back. We need to have participation at club meetings and activities. I understand fully the members that live out of state or out of town that can not attend. I am addressing this to the members that can attend and participate who just choose not to.

At present we have the Vice President's position open, it needs to be filled by next meeting. Anyone willing to step up?

There has been discussion recently of merging the Tucson Corvair Association with the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson. There was serious talk at the last meeting of doing so and it is the intent of the members attending last night's meeting to vote at next month's meeting whether we struggle to keep this club alive or dissolve it. This, in my opinion, would be a travesty. But just a small group of members cannot be expected to carry the torch year in and year out.

I welcome all input from dues paying members in the next 30 days. I can be reached at 520-979-0310 or [m5156@q.com](mailto:m5156@q.com). The burden of running and supporting this club should not fall on a few but should be supported by the many! The members who currently continue to serve the Club, I applaud you.

Members, it's your choice whether this Club survives!

Respectfully submitted  
Mike Lake

# 33rd Annual Chevy Showdown

The Classic Chevy Club of Tucson outdoes itself again with arguably the best all GM show in the state again this year. With over 150 cars attending one can only image the variety and the and the level of craftsmanship that cannot be represented in photographs.

Not to be outdone, the Corvairs showed up in force, There were 9 cars from the Tucson Corvair Association and 3 more beautiful Corvairs made the trek from the Phoenix area to join in the show of force including the famous cut-a-way Corvair which was prominently displayed and attracted a lot of attention.

The Corvairs were all in one class this year. TCA member showing cars were John Young, Mike Lake, Allen Elvick, Van Pershing, Ron Bloom and Frank Pella. The Cactus Corvair Club was represented by Joe Lewis, Miner Fleming and Dave Dean.

The Cactus cars took all the trophies this year with Joe's beautiful white convertible taking 1st place, Miner's Rampside 2nd place and Dave's sweet late model with 3rd.

*The cut-a-way late model 4-door made the trek from Phoenix courtesy of the Cactus Corvair Club and was a great hit at the show. It actually belongs to the Pikes Peak Corvair Club in Colorado Springs and will some be going home.*



*All three Corvair trophies went to the cars from the Cactus Club. Joe Lewis (right) hold the 1st place award, Miner Fleming (center) took home the 2nd place honors and Dave Dean (left) proudly displays his 3rd place trophy.*



*First Place Corvair, Joe Lewis, Cactus Corvair Club*



*Second place Corvair, Miner Flemings, Cactus Corvair Club*



*Third Place Corvair, Dave Dean, Cactus Corvair Club*



# 33rd Annual Chevy Showdown (continued)



*John Young's red convertible has won many awards and chose to not be judged this year.*



*Mike Lake also chose not to have his red turbo Corsa judged this year. He claimed that he wanted to give the Cactus guys a chance, but everyone knows he was simply out classed this year!*



*This beautiful evening orchid convertible was on display courtesy of Ron Bloom.*



*Allen Elvick brought the only early model car to the show this year. His '64 convertible was the swan among the ugly ducklings!*



*Frank Pella brought his beautiful blue convertible. Franks is the president of the Classic Chevy Club and was very busy all day with show details.*



*Van Pershing's Yenko Stinger (clone) made this show this year after a two year absence. His '65 pickup and Tote Gote were also on display at the show.*





*33rd annual Chevy Showdown.*



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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

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