

## Corvair two-seaters

Here a photo review of the two-seater Corvairs that were built by Chevrolet and others which were mostly used as marketing prototypes and trade show displays. Sadly none of them ever made it into production.



1961 Corvair Sebring Spyder



1962 Monza GT



1962 Monza SS



*Bertone's Testudo, also not built by Chevrolet, was another European use of the Corvair for a sports car.*



*1960 Corvair Monza Speciale by Pininfarina—actually not built by Chevrolet, but gave a European flair to a Corvair sports car.*



# 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 monthly publication. Rates are \$37 per year and \$74 for 26 months for a "virtual" membership. CORSA memberships is not required for membership in the Tucson Corvair Association, but is highly recommended. See any TCA officer for more information.

**Business Mailing Address:** 4842 W Paseo de las Colinas, Tucson, Arizona 85745

**Website:** [www.corvairs.org](http://www.corvairs.org). Email address: [tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com](mailto:tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com)

## WHEELS AND SPOKES

### PRESIDENT

**Mike Lake**  
520-979-0310  
mls56@g.com

### VICE PRESIDENT

**Frank Pella**  
520-437-2481  
corvair68@icloud.com

### RECORDING SECRETARY

**Van Pershing**  
520-780-7564  
vpersh@yahoo.com

### TREASURER

**Allen Elvick**  
4210 S Preston  
Tucson, AZ 85735  
520-883-4437  
amelvick@pcpeople.com

### MEMBER AT LARGE

**Fred Nuñez**  
520-289-1998  
abnunezjr71@gmail.com

### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

**Ron Bloom**  
520-891-7542  
bloomaz@msn.com

### CORVARSAION EDITOR/ WEBMASTER

**Van Pershing**  
520-780-7564  
vpersh@yahoo.com

### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

**Dave Lynch**  
520-861-4348  
V\_dav1@hotmail.com

### LIBRARIAN

*(position vacant)*

### MECHANDISE CHAIR

**Doug Scott**  
520-907-2690  
nkdrscott@comcast.net

**Nov 17 Sat**

**Wine Tasting/ Pizza Cruise.** The Classic Chevy Club has invited us to join their cruise down to Sonoita/Patagonia. We'll meet at I-10 and Houghton at ??am.

**Nov 31 Wed**

**Regular Monthly Meeting.** 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).

**Dec 1 Sat**

**Dwarf Car Museum.** We'll cruise together to Maricopa, Arizona and meet up with Cactus Corvair Club and have lunch after the museum

**Dec 8 Sat**

**TCA Christmas Party,** Raggazi's Italian Restaurant, 7850 N Oracle, Oro Valley. 6-9p. Bring a white elephant gift (\$20 max). RSVP to [tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com](mailto:tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com) to give the planners an idea of numbers.

## 10 Incredibly Dangerous Cars You Should Never Drive

According to cheatsheet.com these are the most dangerous cars ever. It was seen on the internet so it has to be true! It's a complete wonder that we Corvair drivers are still alive!!

1. Ford Model T
2. Chevrolet Corvair
3. Porsche 911
4. Ford Pinto
5. DeLorean DMC-12
6. Pontiac Fiero
7. Yugo GV
8. Ford Bronco II
9. Chevrolet Cobalt
10. Ferrari 458 Italia

## October Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association held October 24, 2018 at Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Mike Lake. In attendance were Frank Pella, Fred Nuñez, Allen Elvick, Ron Bloom, Mike Lake, Doug Scott, Van Pershing and new member Howard Fisher.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Allen Elvick gave the treasurer's report. Opening balance on September 1 was \$2,337.08 with a month-end balance of \$2,302.08.

Doug Smith, merchandise chair, has plenty of Corvair oil filters for sale.

No TCA members attended the Nam Jam this year.

Frank Pella reported that this year's Mel's Diner Drive In Movie Night sponsored by the Classic Chevy Club was great this year. Unfortunately, the TCA didn't get the word in time due to a change in staff at the CCCT.

Howard Fisher of California Bill's Automotive Handbooks was introduced as TCA's new member. Howard has a nice Corvair with a great paint job but needs to be assembled.

Upcoming activities: Four TCA members are going to the Fan Belt Toss in Palm Spring. Details of the trip were discussed. Cops and Rodders Show on November 3. Arizona Air National Guard Family Day on November 4. The details of the Christmas party have been finalized.

The November meeting will be held on November 28 due to where Thanksgiving falls on the calendar this year.

December 1 we will cruise to the Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa. Meet at the IHOP on Cortaro Road and I-10 at 7am for breakfast before we cruise together to the Museum.

Tech Session: Van Pershing showed a couple of rotating valve spring caps that were used on early model Corvair Forward control engines.

Ron Bloom discussed a problems he's having with one of the rear brake drums on his Greenbrier. It is setting crooked and the drum is rubbing on the top edge of the backing plate.

Mike talked about putting velocity stakes on the Red Rocket's newly rebuilt Weber.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

*Submitted by Van Pershing*



*Another 2-seater "Corvair"*

**Due to how  
Thanksgiving falls on  
the calendar this year,  
The November  
meeting will be on  
the 4th Wednesday,  
November 28.**





*The Astro I was a concept car for the Corvette but the 35-inch tall vehicle has no room for the standard V8 engine so a highly modified Corvair power plant was used instead.*

*1962 Corvair Super Spyder, one of many Larry Shinoda designs.*



Others gave it a go, but.....a little disappointing.....



*Corvair's cousin, the Pontiac Tempest put together this proto type in 1962 called the Tempest Monte Carlo.*



*Ford gave it a try with the Mustang Mach II. Its ugliness prevented it from going into production!*

What????????????????????????????????????



*With budgets being so tight, NASA is beginning to use some drastic cost saving ideas.*





# TCA Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 8**  
Raggazi's Italian Restaurant  
7850 N Oracle  
Oro Valley

**6-9p**

Be sure to RSVP to  
[tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com](mailto:tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com)



Monthly Newsletter - November 2018 - Vol. 43, No. 5  
Corvair Society of America Chapter 857



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

**November Meeting:  
Wednesday, November 28**

Read this newsletter on line at [www.corvairs.org](http://www.corvairs.org)