

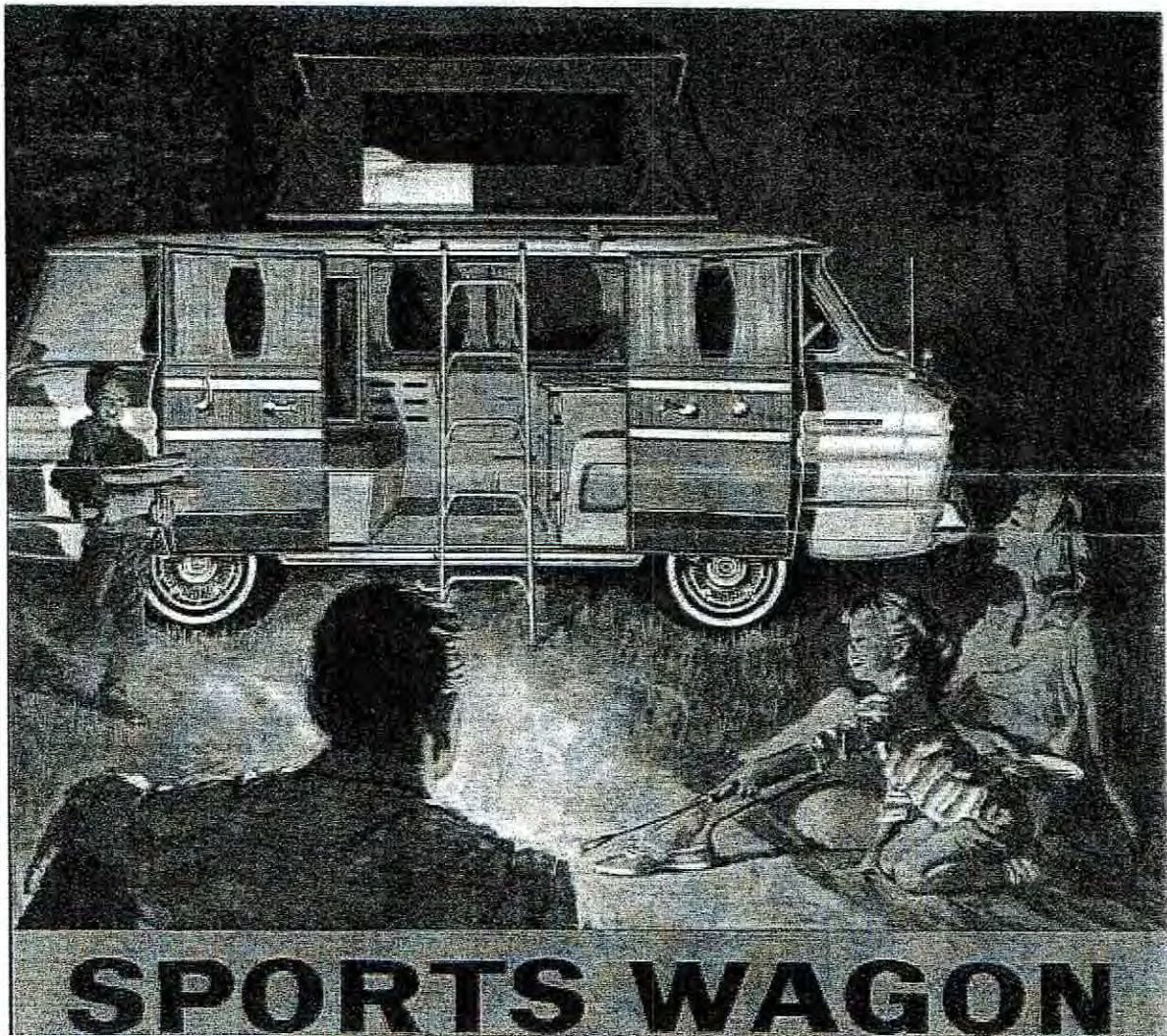


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ELECTIONS AT FEBRUARY MEETING

TUNE UP AND TECH SESSION FEBRUARY 23

New member  
**WELCOME**  
Chris Campton

Tucson Corvair Association  
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# Tucson Corvair Association

## Mountain View Restaurant at Prince and Mountain Ave.

Minutes of January 23, 2002 Meeting

The first meeting of the year and what a turnout. The restaurant handled the orders well and the food was...lets say... much better than it has been in the past.

Barry Cunningham called the meeting to order at 8:pm. In attendance-were Barry Cunningham, Chris Cunningham, Allen Elvick, Gordon Cauble, Paul Dunn, Art Dunn, Lance Gillingham, Ed Segerstrom, Julius and Pat Berky, Amy, Emily and John Torpey, Van Pershing, Dave and Patrick Lynch, Fred Zimmermann, Bill Maynard, Tim Green, Herb Berkman, Don and Bruce Robinson, Don Henn and our newest member Chris Campton.

We'd like to welcome Chris to the Corvair Club, with her she brings a '64 yellow coupe w/ a 4sp tranny.

Allen Elvick reported on the Clubs finances, the month of December we started with \$1583.87 in the bank. Monies were taken in for ads, raffle, can collection, Christmas party and name tags. Expenditures included Christmas party, Corvairsation, Bryan Lynch Award and a donation to the Patricia Zimmerman Alzheimer's Assoc. We ended up with a balance of \$1555.36.

There was some discussion about the upcoming 2002 Corvair convention. We've been offered the use of the infamous Car-B-Q, a highly modified early model corvair, a grill where the engine should be and a large cooler where one would normally sit. Sounds interesting. It has great possibilities for meeting members from other clubs as well as raising funds for our Tucson Club.

There was some discussion about having a swap meet of our own, the club has many spare parts and several members have more parts than they wish to hold onto. Don Robinson and Chris Cunningham have volunteered their vehicles for the transportation of these parts. Don's Greenbrier and Chris's utility trailer.

Speaking of, the club currently has a supply of parts and is coming to the point where they need a new place to be stored. Any ideas would greatly be appreciated, a new location would be better. Also, one thought was to put the parts on the web. Good idea!

Next meeting there will be a discussion about getting together with the Phoenix club and making some arrangements regarding the Flagstaff event.

Upcoming events are; a tune-up clinic on Feb 23 at the Torpey's ; a breakfast gathering at the Elvicks after a morning cruise ; and a meeting in April with the Phoenix Club at Picacho Peak.

Don Robinson gave a run-down on the merchandise available from the club. Coffee mugs, T-shirts and Corvair logo baseball caps are for sale.

Raffle tickets were sold and the winner was Dave Lynch - cars of the '60s calendar. Congratulations Dave. Many thanks to the donor of the gift. Next months donors will be Don Henn, Dave Lynch, Bruce Robinson and Gordon Cauble. Thanks guys!

Paul Dunn and his wife will be putting together a Corvair Calendar for 2003. Anyone with a "well polished" Corvair or one that you know of please contact Paul Dunn for a possible photo shoot.

The motion for adjournment came from everyone and was seconded by everyone at 9:00pm

### TCA OFFICERS

Barry Cunningham - President, Chris Cunningham - Vice President, Allen Elvick - Treasurer,  
John Torpey -Secretary, Paul Dunn - Membership Chairman, Dave Baker - Librarian

## PREZ SEZ

Hello everyone! The February meeting is upon us and it is an important meeting to attend. We have some issues to take care of that are vital to the TCA. Our annual election of officers is to take place. We have a new slate of board members to elect and we need you there to vote your favorite candidate into office.

We are also having a guest speaker from the Cactus Corvair Club in Phoenix. He is going to give us a rundown on the convention in Flagstaff. Apparently there are several duties and positions to hold down at the convention they need volunteers for, so come to this February's meeting and check out how you can help.

We also have car raffle tickets for the 1966 Monza convertible to be raffled at the convention. Come and buy them at the meeting.

Don't forget the gracious hospitality of the Torpeys on Saturday, February 23. They are nice enough to offer their place for our tuneup clinic. Come on up and try out John's new hydraulic car hoist. Thanks for your participation.

See you soon. Barry

from the editor.....

February is a busy and historic month with Valentines Day, the birthday of two of our most celebrated Presidents and this year the ninetieth anniversary of Arizona's statehood. It's also a time of transition as we race to get ready for the year's events. Well, that's the way I look at it anyway. I know it is going to get hot in a few months so it's imperative that some of these projects get finished and some of these loose ends get tied up. For that reason I am looking forward to the tune up and tech clinic at the Torpeys. Hope you can make it there, too!

Last month was our first club meeting at a new location, the Mountain View Restaurant on Prince Road. We had a good crowd (23 at my count) and it was great to see people we hadn't seen for a while, but I can still think of several people I wish to have seen there, maybe this month.

The Car Nuts show at Tubac Golf Resort was perfect on a beautiful sunny warm day. TCA members had five cars there, Roger's beautiful blue '64 coupe, Ed's bright red early convertible, Herb's pristine Yenke, Bruce's very original '66 500 coupe and Bruce's and Don's low mileage '62 700 4 door. There were also two local Corvairs that looked great. What a variety of cars they have every year! Eight of us showed at the Cow Palace for breakfast and we were well fortified for the day.

This month Van has an FC feature for us. Enjoy!

DUES : I have just remembered to pay my dues, and as I did I ask Paul Dunn, Membership Chairman, how we were doing, he said great; there are only a few, very few, like me. Thank God! Don't be left out; contact Paul if you have questions. Don

TUNE UP CLINIC AND TECH SESSION: It's our first tune up clinic of the year. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, hosted by Amy, Emily Lin and John Torpey at 9165 N. DESERT IRONWOOD PLACE, 10 am to 2 pm. John has been working hard and has finished his new BIG double garage with a full- size auto lift. Amy is preparing some great snacks - more like a sumptuous Mexican lunch. Bring your Corvair and parts and hopefully it will run like new on the way home. We will be talking Corvair so undoubtedly we will all be a bit smarter, too. Try the new safety pressure indicator valve caps on your car! Stump everyone there with a Corvair part you bring that no one can identify. Or better yet, win the Top Identifier prize. Were going to have a great time! Don't get lost! Map below!



ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT FEBRUARY MEETING: The Nominating committee: Dave Baker, Gordon Cauble and Don Robinson present the following slate of officer to be voted upon at the February 27 meeting. The floor will be open for additional candidates for all offices.

President	Chris Cunningham
Vice President	Lance Gillingham
Treasurer	Allen Elvick
Recording Secretary	John Torpey

Please be present with your vote and support the Tucson Corvair Association.

CORVAIRS IN THE NEWS: We recently received an article published in the San Francisco Chronicle from our TCA member Chuck Pettis and from Sky Fulton in San Francisco about Corvairs in the Bay area. It's good and interesting and it will be at the February meeting to read

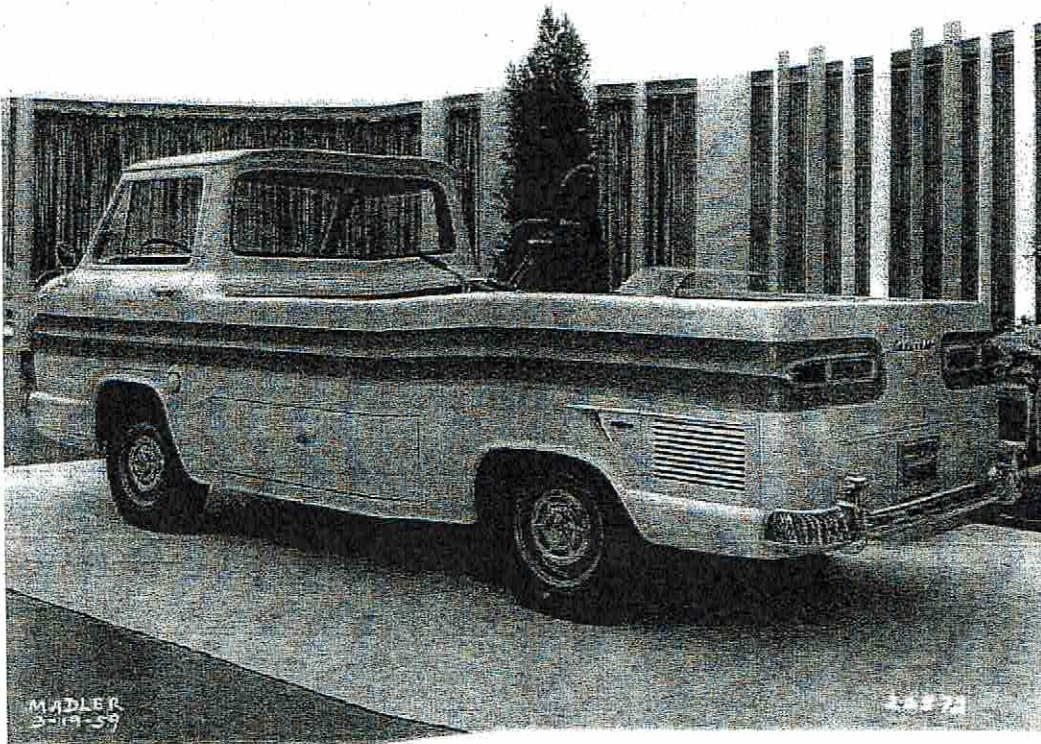
RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING: Tickets for the restored '65 Monza Convertible with A/C which will be raffled at the National Convention in Flagstaff, will be on sale at this month's meeting. The supply is limited. \$2.50 per ticket.

# *Corvair Pickup Trucks – Ideas that never were.....*

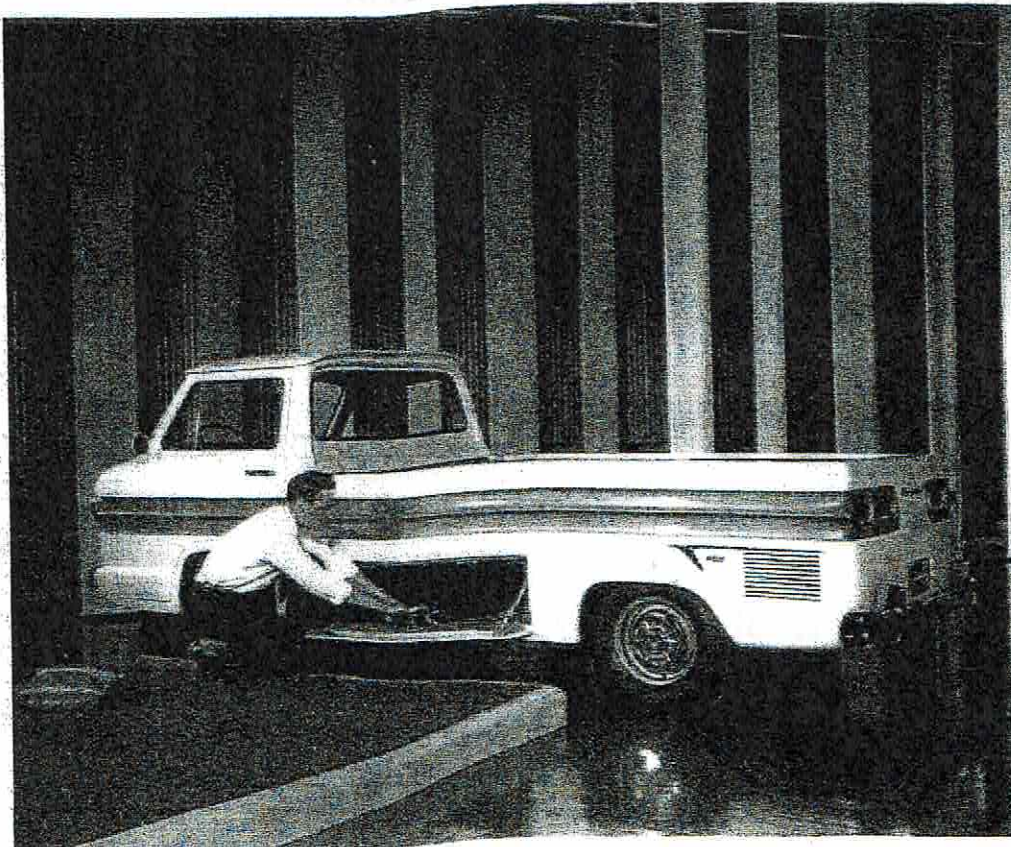
Here are some pictures that were taken in March 1959 of a proto type Rampside pickup. The pictures can be seen at [www.corvairekid.com](http://www.corvairekid.com) (Kent Sullivan's site). There are some nice features that would have been great additions to the real thing. One of particular interest is the large back glass. In the 60s it was a custom at Chevrolet to offer its pickup trucks with two sizes of rear windows. Only one size made it to production on the Corvair pickups and it wasn't the big one. Several other features are nice on this prototype, including the side tool box.



Left Front View, dated 3-19-59. Front bumper looks like production item. Outside rear-view mirror mount is similar, but smoother than production. No chrome windshield trim yet. Note back of Greenbrier/Corvan buck and design sketches on wall.



Left Rear view, dated 3-19-59. Low air intake location, airplane-wing chrome trim, small bow-tie and large side-access door for under-bed compartment all differ from production. Tailgate badge says "Chevrolet." There is no rear engine access door, and rear bumper is more complex than production design. Note yard equipment in bed used to demonstrate rampside option and early Corvair sedan roofline beyond.



Undated, solo photo showing loadside door function.

## CORVAIR PRODUCTION NUMBERS

Horsepower	80/95	80/95	80/84	80/84	95/110	95/110	95/110	95/110	95/110	95/110
		98	102/150	102/150	150	140/180	140/180	140	140	140
Style	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Rampside		10,787	4,102	2,046	851					
Loadside		2,475	369							
Corvan		15,806	13,491	11,161	8,147					
Greenbrier		18,489	18,007	13,761	6,201	1,528				
<b>Total Truck</b>		<b>47,557</b>	<b>35,969</b>	<b>26,968</b>	<b>15,199</b>	<b>1,528</b>				
500 4d sedan	47,683	18,752				17,560	8,779	2,959		
500 2d coupe	14,628	16,857	16,245	16,680	22,968	36,747	24,045	9,257	7,206	2,762
500 Wagon		5,591								
700 4d sedan	139,208	51,948	35,368	20,684	16,295					
700 2d coupe	36,562	24,786	18,474	12,378						
700 Wagon		20,451	3,716							
Monza 4d sedan		33,745	48,059	31,120	21,926	37,157	12,497	3,157		
Monza 2d coupe	11,926	109,945	144,844	117,917	88,440	88,954	37,605	9,771	6,807	2,717
Monza convt.			13,995	36,693	31,045	26,466	10,345	2,109	1,386	521
Monza Wagon			2,362							
Spyder 2d coupe			6,894	11,627	6,480					
Spyder convt.			2,574	7,472	4,761					
Corsa 2d coupe						20,291	7,330			
Corsa convt.						8,353	3,142			
<b>Total Car</b>	<b>250,007</b>	<b>282,075</b>	<b>292,531</b>	<b>254,571</b>	<b>191,915</b>	<b>235,528</b>	<b>103,743</b>	<b>27,253</b>	<b>15,399</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Total Production</b>	<b>250,007</b>	<b>329,632</b>	<b>328,500</b>	<b>281,539</b>	<b>207,114</b>	<b>237,056</b>	<b>103,743</b>	<b>27,253</b>	<b>15,399</b>	<b>6,000</b>



## *Spares & Vairs*

*For Sale: 1963 Corvair Deluxe, 2 door, 102 HP, AT, Soft Ray Glass, 68K original miles. Bought new at O'Rielly's Chevrolet in Tucson. Needs nothing! \$3400 OBO Don or Betty (520) 886-1076.*

*For Sale: 1962 4-Door Monza, automatic, factory air conditioning, 85K original miles. \$3250. Call Dick (520) 299-4723.*

*For Sale: Corvair parts - Large outdoor yard full of Corvairs and parts, Call Barry Cunningham at (520) 747-9028.*

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