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Present: Paul Dunn, Chris Compton*, Herb Berkman, Chris Cunningham, Bill Maynard, Lynn Mars, Dave Baker, Nancy Goodman, Alan Elvick, Dave Lynch*, Barry Cunningham, Frank and Chris Sharp, Dave Martin*, Ed Segerstrom. (*= drove Corvaire) Called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chris Cunningham, who introduced visitor and former member Dave Thomas.

Herb Berkman was recognized for winning the Brian Lynch Award in absentia in December. Herb announced he is very likely to move to the Denver area this spring. It was announced the Torpeys are likely moving this spring to the Colorado Springs area.

Our donated '66 Monza was purchased in December by a young man who paid \$250 for it. He will be contacted to join the association. The parts inventory at the Torpey's home has become a critical issue and Feb. 5, a "Parts with no Garage" ceremony will take place from 9-11 at the Torpey's. The parts will be moved to Alan's and to Chris Cunningham's for further storage. All participating will receive a free part. Dave Thomas offered use of a truck with lift gate, though he cannot be present and someone else must drive it.

Further upcoming events are: March 14, Sunday, breakfast at Fred's Arena, meet at Library at Mission and Ajo at 9:00 a.m. April 10, Herb Festival at Boyce Arboretum, in cooperation with the Cactus Club of Phoenix. Meet behind Wild Oats at Ina and Oracle at 9:00 a.m.

Election of officers will take place at the February meeting with "winners" taking office at March meeting. Chris Sharp asked that the nominee for secretary be prepared to take minutes at the Feb. meeting as she cannot be present. The nominating committee of Barry and Alan reported with an urgent need for volunteers for most offices. Job responsibilities were discussed. Membership dues are now payable at \$15 per person, \$18 per couple. As well, the benefits of joining the national Corvair organization were touted.

Alan gave a two month treasurer report, with a final balance of \$4266.51 on Dec. 31. The need for a canopy for use at the Casa Car Show was again raised, and Herb Berkman noted that a canopy is available from Corvair, used for promoting membership. It might be in the IA area the weekend before and therefore available. A discussion of the Casa Car Show took place with Dave Lynch suggesting we invite the Phoenix club to show in it, and Barry suggested paying the entry fee of any who choose to attend. Herb observed it has been hinted that the show may move to April.

The Car Nut show in Tubac was postponed one week and Ed asked clarification of the gathering time at the Cow Palace, which will be at 8:00. Gordon, John, Herb and Don will be showing in it.

Dave Baker noted recent contacts with former members Ed Dryden, Barb and Bob Eggers, and Del Light. Dave still has an engine available for \$50. The barrels alone are worth \$300-600. Herb wants to purchase a used 6x12 or larger enclosed trailer to move things from his home before putting it on the market.

The raffle tickets being present, a raffle was held with Dave Lynch and Frank winning prizes. Next month's prizes will be provided by Alan, Herb, and Dave Lynch. Tech issues raised were: Dave Lynch learned when he had to replace his fuel pump that the replacement is available from Car Quest for \$27.00 and comes with a lifetime warranty if one keeps the receipt. Dave Thomas noted if your damper doors don't close in winter, it may ruin the choke pulloffs. Thermostats are not available from Corvair Underground but Clarks has repros at \$40 each. In Feb. Herb will have slides available from his Kitty Hawk Wright Centennial excursion. The meeting adjourned in good order. Respectfully.. and finally submitted, Chris Sharp

TCA Events at a Glance

FEBRUARY

- 25 WED **Regular Monthly Meeting - 6p**
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm. Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road (Election of Officers)

MARCH

- 10 WED **TCA Board Mtg.** Wildcat Hou 1801 N. Stone 6:30pm.
5975 E. Speedway 6:30pm.
14 SUN **Fred's Arena Breakfast Run**
9am meet at Tuc/Pima Library (3770 S. Mission at Ajo)
24 WED **Regular Monthly Meeting - 6**
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm. Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road

APRIL

- 7 WED **TCA Board Mtg.** Location TB 6:30pm.
10 SAT **Herb Festival Rendezvous w/**
Cactus Corvair of Phx. Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park 9am Wild Oats 7133 Oracle Rd
28 WED **Regular Monthly Meeting - 6**
Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm. Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road

New home for '66 Monza

Almost a year ago the TCA received a 1966 Monza coupe from a person moving to Albuquerque. Brandon Muzzin, who lives in Catalina and works in Tucson, has purchased the car and is looking forward to its restoration. Here's to you Brandon; happy Corvaireing!



DUES ARE DUE

from the editor.....

The Santa Cruz Car Nut show at Tubac Golf Resort ran into a little rainy weather on its scheduled day, January 24, and we (hundreds of cars) all showed up on the scheduled alternate day, January 31. This year the show cars were arrayed on the driving range. Among the beautiful cars there were five Corvairs, four from Tucson. We all saw a lot of old friends there. Dave Martin a former TCA Club member was there with his Avanti, and yes, he still has that '64 Monza convertible. Two of my neighbors showed up and quite a number of people stopped to talk Corvairs. Herb's Yenke always attracts attention and elicits many questions and comments. It is a beautiful car.

February 7 was TCA's Parts Without a Garage Ceremony. Thanks to all the help, short work was made of relocating parts to storage at Allen Elvick's and Chris Cunningham's. As a result we have a pretty good inventory of the parts and they are for sale.

Wow! That was two mid-months just a week apart. What else is coming up? Well in March, the mid-month is a Sunday event on the 12th. This is a



cruise to Fred's Arena (9650 So. Avra Road) for breakfast. This is a good exercise for your Corvair, twenty miles or more, but I recommend your rendezvous at the Pima library at Mission and Ajo Way at 9 A.M. just to avoid getting lost. It's not easy to find!

Thanks, Van, for the V8 conversion and the Lakewood project car articles. Enjoy!

ELECTION

February is election month at TCA. The election will be held at the monthly meeting on February 25. Nominations from the floor will be entertained. The nominations committee submits the following slate: Bill Maynard for President, Barry Cunningham for V.P., Allen Elvick for Treasurer.

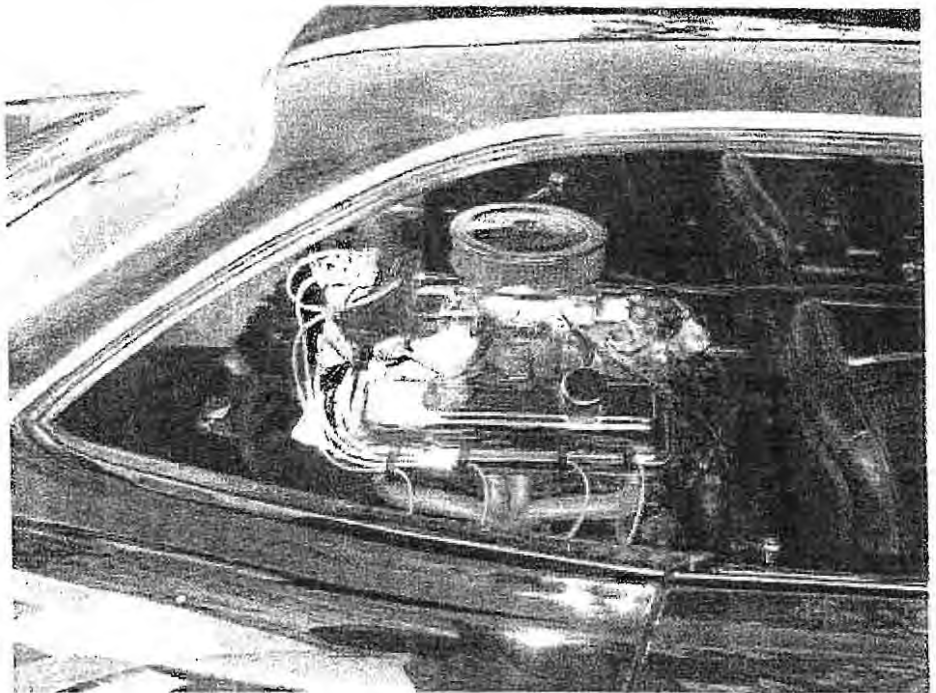
Where in the World is Chris Cunningham? Our President is out of town on family business. We miss his input and wish him a speedy return.

'66 Corsa Crown V-8 Conversion

from: <http://members.cox.net/rarevair/crown.htm>

My 1966 Corsa with a Crown V-8 conversion arrived November 1st, 2002. I had just sold "White Fang" in September when I found this car advertised in the Online Classified section of the CORSA web site. After many phone and e-mail conversations, plus a very informative video tape, I purchased the car and had it shipped to Kansas. The shipping trip is another story. The Hallibrand wheels weren't sold with "White Fang" and ended up on the V-8 car. The rears are 16 x 7 with 245-50 tires, the fronts are 15 x 8 with 225-50 tires. This wheel and tire combination looks great on a Late Model Corvair (IMHO). The Corsa has less than 50,000 miles on it and started out as a turbo car. The previous owner purchased it as a project over 10 years ago and finished it. He put 6,000 miles on the Crown conversion during his ownership.

Driving a V-8 Corvair without an engine cover is a hot, noisy experience (I was warned by Rick Norris), but it is the best way to show off the engine. Nothing like a small block Chevy buzzing at 3500 RPM less than a foot from your ears. A engine cover came with the car, but when it is installed, the drivers seat sits two inches farther forward. Not a good thing since I am a big guy. The engine is a Chevy 327 with a Fireball II cam,

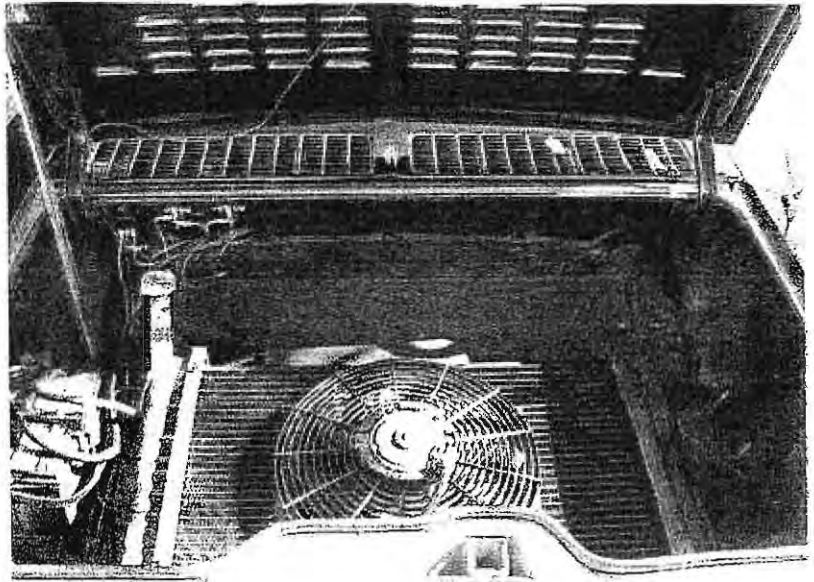


Sanderson block hugger headers, a high rise aluminum manifold and a Holly 4160 carb. I am gathering up parts for a Tuned Port Injection induction, which will be installed within the next year. Modifications to the engine cover to provide more seat clearance and more sound and heat insulation are also planned.

Most V8 conversions use a front mounted radiator, this car started out that way. Due to heating problems the previous owner (PO) decided to move the radiator to rear. All the holes in the trunk were patched up, then the PO found his original radiator was rotten (perhaps the cause of the original problem). When the new radiator was put in the rear, two shrouded puller fans were added below and a pusher above. The car seems to cool fine, but the weather has been mild since I have had the car. There is some concern because underneath the radiator is a high pressure area that the fans have to

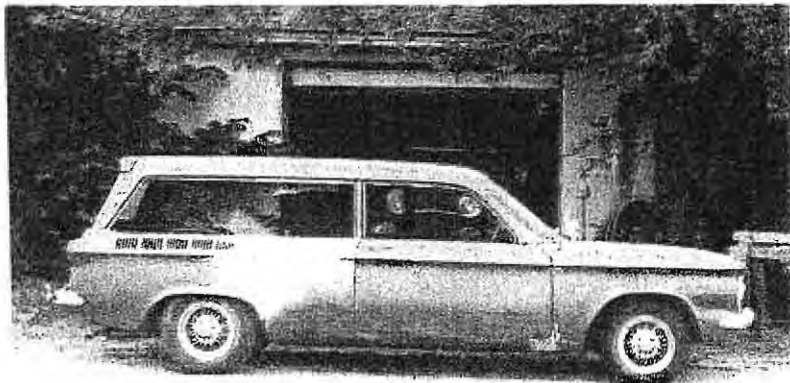
work against. If it turns out to be a problem, AeroNed (an Aerodynamic Engineer) and I have devised a spoiler/shroud for under the radiator to change the high pressure area into a low pressure area.

For more information on V-8 Corvairs check out www.v8corvair.com/Page1V8CORVAIx.html



Two-door Lakewood Project

I have had this project in the back of my mind for many years. When my Red '61 Lakewood was t-boned in the doors by a careless SUV driver, the ideas began to form in metal.



Two-door Lakewood
Project Computer
Concept

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For Sale: 1966 Monza coupe, 110h.p., automatic, new interior, good project car. Best offer. For details, Call Chris (520) 670-9676.

For Sale: Late Model rear bumper, rechromed, near perfect. \$ 50. Dave Baker (520) 747-0840.

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November meeting is on the third Wednesday.

The December meeting is a Christmas party

Meeting Place: Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 E. Prince Road

Parking lot bull session at 6:00 pm - Dinner at 6:20 (optional)

Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm

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