

History: Chevrolet Corvair Corsa 1965-66

All the good points of the 1962-64 Monza Spyder, plus the sensational styling of the second Corvair generation, and even more horsepower. The standard unblown 140-bhp flat 6 delivered fine getaway, but the turbocharged version was now up to 20 percent in output, and could deliver 115 mph tops in an 18-second quarter-mile time. This was perhaps the most sophisticated (certainly one of the most ambitious) cars ever to come from Detroit: gobs of power, world-class handling, and looks that simply couldn't be better.



1966 Corvair Corsa convertible. The model name stood out on the side of the cowl below mid-body feature-line

Monza Wagon 1962

The most desirable-and scarcest-Corvair wagon. Had the full Monza treatment: full carpeting, bucket seats, color-keyed upholstery. Most often found with auto-



matic transmission, sad to say, which makes manual models that much more highly prized. Like most sporty wagons, not very popular new, as indeed were all Corvair wagons, which lived for only two model years.

Corvair Monza 1965-69

A design triumph from the Bill Mitchell studios. Ironically destined to slip away because of too-strong competition from the conventional but very attractive Mustang, and because of bad publicity about handling problems of the 1960-63 Corvairs. The first postwar American car

(other than Corvette) with fully independent rear suspension via upper and lower control arms and coil springs (even Corvette



lacked the latter), which banished handling ills completely. Remains underappreciated today, but certain to be regarded more highly in the future. The kind of cars we should have had in the 1970's and didn't.

Looking Back Prices/Projections from 1985

1965-66 Corsa: Restorable	\$1000-1750
Good	\$2250-3000
Excellent	\$3000-4000
5-yr projection	+50%
1962 Wagon: Restorable	\$1000-1500
Good	\$2000-3000
Excellent	\$3000-3500
5-yr projection	+25%
1965-69 Monza: Restorable	\$500-1200
Good	\$1500-2000
Excellent	\$2500-3500
5-yr projection	+25%

-- from the *Complete Book of Collectible Cars 1930-1980*, by Richard M. Langworth, Graham Robson, and the Auto Editors of *Consumer's Guide*. (1985)

Tucson Corvair Association Established 1975

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) chapter 857.

Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except November and December. One technical/social event is planned for each month, except July and August.

Membership Dues are \$15 for individuals and \$18 for families. Initial dues are \$19 for individuals and \$22 for families (includes name tags). Make checks payable to Tucson Corvair Association.

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2005 CORSA Convention Results

Members from the Tucson Corvair Association took home some awards again this year in several categories. John and Amy Young of Green Valley brought home a gold trophy by earning 94.80 points in the Concours d'Elegance Modified Early Closed division. John's 1961 white 700 coupe was one of two 1961 coupes that took home a gold trophy. John Fellon of Meridan, Idaho scored 95.08 points for his black 900 Monza.

Herb Berkman, although living in Colorado now, still maintains his membership in Arizona. He placed fourth in the Ed Cole Competition with his 1965 Yenko clone. Herb took home a silver trophy in the Concours d'Elegance with 93.82 points. Herb's Stinger had some impressive times in the Autocross too. Convention veterans Herb and Jonni placed fourth in the Rally while Bill Maynard and Lynn Marrs placed 19th in their first Convention Rally. John and Amy Young placed 7th in the Tour.

Bill and Lynn placed second in their first Economy Run together in Bill's 1963 convertible. Herb placed fourth in the four-carburetor class of the Economy Run.

Bill Maynard indicated that there were over 400 attendees at the Convention in Portland, Oregon. Around 428 people attended the awards banquet that took place on the last day of the Convention.



A very clean underbody on display at the 2005 Convention. Photo courtesy of Bill Hubbell.



2005 Great Race Features 1960 Corvair

For the first time in the history of the longest running vintage and richest vintage automobile rally in the country the race included a Corvair. The 1960 Corvair 700 sedan was crewed by a husband and wife team from Endicott, New York. Richard and Barbara Tiffany, racing in the Sportsman Division, finished in 56th place out of 88 racers.

Vehicles must be 45 years or older to compete. For more information, log on to www.greatrace.com.

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March 2005 General Membership Minutes

July 27, 2005

Members Present: Dave Lynch, Dave Baker, Chris Cunningham, Paul Dunn, Art Dunn, Dave Martin, Barry Cunningham, Allen Elvick and guest Brad Clark.

Vice President Barry Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:18pm.

Approval of the Minutes for June 22, 2005: Chris Cunningham made a motion that the minutes be approved as written, Barry Cunningham seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Presidents Report: Bill Maynard was not present tonight. He was attending the International CORSA Convention with Lynn Marrs. Barry Cunningham is presiding tonight.

Vice-Presidents Report: Barry Cunningham reported that the Corvairsation newsletter was looking mighty fine and the content is usually very informative. Upcoming mid-month activities were discussed through January 2006.

Treasurers Report: Allen Elvick provided the Club with an oral report and a written report of the well-being of the Club's treasury. Beginning cash on hand was \$4511.20. Income from aluminum cans was \$17.85. Expenses were \$21.37 for the newsletter and \$10 for the annual Corporation Commission fee. The ending balance was \$4497.68.

Librarian: No report at this time. - Lance Gillingham needs to find another person and place to store the library.

Merchandise: No report at this time.

Raffle: No raffle tonight because there were to raffle prizes. Barry forgot to identify donors to bring raffle prizes.

New Business: Two new mid month activities were put on the calendar. Paul Dunn has agreed to host and provide a lot of equipment and tune up know-how when the Club visits Bisbee on Saturday October 15. Car Guys Automotive shop will be the location for the next Corvair Tune Up Clinic. Agua Caliente Park will be the destination for the November mid month activity. The date scheduled is Sunday November 13th.

Corvair Talk: Chris Cunningham updated everyone on the Franklin Museum's move to New York. Attorneys for the Franklin Museum Concerned Friends are looking into the matter once again. Efforts are minimal at this time due to vacation schedules. The museum is closed for the summer. It will reopen in the fall with a new director.

Allen Elvick spent some time in Wyoming and Montana over the summer and took some interesting pictures of some cars and car collections he found along the way. He is planning on sharing a power-point presentation at the August meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 by Dave Baker and seconded by Dave Lynch. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Cunningham

TCA 2005 Events at a Glance

AUG

24 WED **Regular Monthly Meeting** Broadway Cafe, 4330 E. Broadway - 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.

SEPT

14 WED **TCA Board Mtg.** Micha's North, 1220 East Prince Road, (formerly Mt View Restr.) 6:30pm.

18 SUN **Rose Canyon Lake Fall Picnic & BBQ** Meet at McDonald's near Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy at 10am. Bring a dish to share.

28 WED **Regular Monthly Meeting** Broadway Cafe, 4330 E. Broadway - 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.

OCT

12 WED **TCA Board Mtg.** Cody's Beef 'N Beans 2708 E. Ft. Lowell, 322-9475. 6:30pm.

15 SAT **Bisbee Tune-Up Clinic @ The Car Guys** Meet at TTT Truck Stop Omar's Hwy Chef Restr, 5451 E. Benson Hwy at 9:30am.

26 WED **Regular Monthly Meeting** Broadway Cafe, 4330 E. Broadway - 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.

28-30 FRI-SUN **Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet "Still Alive in 2005"** Palm Springs, CA Inland Empire Corvair Club - 951/780-7880.

NOV

9 WED **TCA Board Mtg.** Location TBA 6:30pm.

13 SUN **Agua Caliente Park Picnic** Meet at McDonald's near Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy at 10am. Bring a dish to share.

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Spares and Vairs



FOR SALE: 1960 Corvair 4-dr parts car. O'Reilly Chevrolet/Tucson car. Rough but complete. Call Allen 883-4337 or Chris at 670-9676.

FOR SALE: '62 4-dr 700, 53,000 orig miles, nice Tucson car. '62 Greenbrier, 6-dr, 4sp. very orig., '64 Monza conv. yellow/tan 110-4-sp., '64 Monza conv. white/aqua 110-4-sp. restored in 2003, '64 Monza coupe white/aqua 95hp auto, air conditioning, '65 Monza coupe blue/blk 110 4-sp. ALSO '76 Alfa Romeo Alfetta GTV, '85 Saab 900 Turbo 3-dr. Don Robinson, 2044 W. Shalimar Way, Tucson, AZ 85704, 520-297-1356 or fourcorvairs@hotmail.com

FOR SALE: LM Arm Rest Bases, (2) Clark's Repros, new. \$20, Dave: 574-3135.

FOR SALE: 1963 convt, 700 miles on rebuilt 110hp, 4-sp, high vol. oil pump, 12-plate oil cooler, automatic belt tensioner, powder-coated shrouds, chrome gas lines, mag rims English tonneau, white car w/red int. Asking \$4000. Al Crispin: 722-9445.

FOR SALE: LM shrouds - powder coated black, complete upper and lower, \$400, 1962 Rampside rebuilt 4-sp transaxle, 1964 327 transaxle case, lots of new parts. Needs body work. Al Crispin: 722-9445.

FOR SALE: 1965 Model 500. All there but windshield. Straight body, white paint. Not running now, but only because it has sat for too long. \$1000 OBO. Great for parts or restoration. 1962 Model 700 un-restored original with only 42,000, black paint. Really good shape. Don't have time for it but would not take much to get it going. \$2100 OBO. 1965 Corsa. Really bad shape. Free parts. I am keeping engine, trans, dash board, steering wheel and tires. Come get whatever else is good on it before I dump it! Bob Rhodes 574-8001, btr8244@yahoo.com

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Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.
November meeting is on the third Wednesday.
The December meeting is an annual Holiday Party.

Meeting Place: Broadway Cafe, 4330 East Broadway, 327-1957
Parking Lot Bull Session: 6pm - Dinner: 6:20pm (optional)
Meeting: 7pm.

Upcoming Events:

Sept 18 Rose Canyon Lake Fall Picnic & BBQ
Meet at McDonald's near Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
at 10am. Bring a dish to share.

Oct 15 Bisbee Tune-Up Clinic with The Car Guys
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