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Membership Dues are Due

Regular membership dues become past due in February. A one year membership costs \$15 for individuals, and \$18 for families. Make checks payable to Tucson Corvair Association and send them to Allen Elvick at 4210 S. Preston, Tucson, AZ, 85735. You can also pay at the regular membership meeting on Wednesday, January 26 at Mountain View Restaurant.

Membership in CORSA, the Corvair Society of America costs \$35 per year and includes the monthly publication, the CORSA Communique. CORSA is not required by the TCA, but highly recommended.



Election Committee on the Lookout for Volunteers

Election time is upon us. Elections occur in February with new officers taking over in March. If you are interested in getting more involved with the Club, now is the time. Don't wait until Allen Elvick, the membership chairperson comes calling. He can be very persuasive. Well, anyway it's fun and exciting. Give it a try, you may be pleasantly surprised.

The Club is especially interested in a new Webmaster since Paul Dunn has gotten himself knee deep in the automotive repair business in Bisbee, Arizona and is unable to keep the site, www.corvairs.org updated.

December 2004 Meeting/Holiday Party

The Tucson Corvair Association annual holiday party at Metropolitan Grill was held on Wednesday,

December 15. The event is held each December in lieu of a regular membership meeting. Therefore, there are no actual minutes to report at this time. An account of the party follows.

There were approximately thirty members present including our recovering Librarian, Lance Gillingham. He was accompanied by his wife Sherry. Lance is on the mend from a couple of hip replacements and carotid artery surgery that was performed in December. The festive celebration included cocktails and appetizers before dinner and dessert after.

The year-end gathering capped another eventful year for the Club and surely set the tone for 2005. The 2004 Bryan Lynch Award, given to a member for outstanding service to the Club, above and beyond duty, was awarded to two very deserving people. John and Amy Young took home the honors, and a nice plaque too. They are the first duo to be given the award since its inception. Hopefully, they will find a space for it next to all their other trophies.

The party would not have been complete without a full choir of car nuts singing Christmas carols. Dave Baker and Nancy Goodman conducted the sing along.

A gift exchange wrapped up the evening with some pretty cool gifts including bottles of wine, drill bits, and tree ornaments.



John and Amy Young

A large box of canned food, collected at the party, was donated to the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

Franklin Auto Museum Moving to Cazenovia

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004 by Robert A. Baker - The Post-Standard.

Directors of the H.H. Franklin Foundation announced Monday they plan to build a museum complex on 70 acres of land just east of the village of Cazenovia.

The board's official announcement ends speculation as to where the Franklin Automobile Museum will make its new home. At one point, several sites in Syracuse and Onondaga County were vying for the museum.

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.

Change of Address: Report any changes of address or phone number to the Membership Chairperson. Do not report such changes to the Corvairsation Editor.

CORSA Membership Dues are \$35 per year (\$70 for 26 months) and include subscription to the CORSA Communique, a monthly publication. CORSA membership is not required for membership in the TCA, but is highly recommended. See any TCA officer for more information.

Classified Ads are free to members and \$3 per 4-line ad to non-members. Deadline for materials submitted for publication in the Corvairsation is the 10th of the month.

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Members in the News

If you happen to pick up a copy of the January 2005 issue of Tucson Lifestyle Magazine you will notice a former member of the Tucson Corvair Association making the news. Al Crispin, a retired Hughes Aircraft engineer who was diagnosed with diabetes in 1988, recently had peripheral nerve surgery done to restore feeling and relieve pain in his hands and feet.

Al had nerve decompression surgery, first to his right leg and foot, then left, then in January 2004 his right arm was done. "The surgery takes about two hours and is done as an outpatient procedure," according to Dr. Lee Dellon, a medical pioneer in the field.

Back in 2000 some members may recall Al, also known as Cris, was also diagnosed with a heavy buildup of new and used Corvair parts. His garaged was lined floor to ceiling with an excessive amount of thick

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The 35-car Franklin Automobile collection and historical artifacts are currently housed in Tucson, Ariz.

The Cazenovia site is on Route 20, a half mile east of the village line and just west of the Stearns & Wheeler engineers building.

Cazenovia was "an easy choice," Marlene Zimmerman, chairman of the H.H. Franklin Foundation, said from her home in Los Altos, Calif. The choice came down to staying in Arizona or moving to Central New York, Zimmerman said, and the foundation looked at sites in both areas.

"We had a much better reception from the Central New York area. We felt we were welcomed with open arms," Zimmerman said.

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Zimmerman said the foundation hasn't started planning the Cazenovia facility, doesn't know how much it would cost and has set no date for the move.

In a news release, the Franklin board said the success of fund-raising will determine the start of construction.

"We're very excited," said Cazenovia Supervisor Tim Hunt. "A lot of people have worked very hard to convince the Franklin Foundation to come to Cazenovia."

State Assemblyman Bill Magee has secured a \$50,000 grant for the museum contingent on the museum's move to Cazenovia, said Troy Waffner, Magee spokesman and village trustee. The foundation is completing the paperwork on that grant now, Waffner said.

"From a tourism point of view, this will be a big boost," village Trustee Paul Brooks said. "The museum they intend to build here will be a state-of-the-art facility."

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The village of Cazenovia, Madison County and New York state sent a contingent to pitch the Cazenovia arca to the Franklin foundation board. The board subsequently decided to look for land in Cazenovia at a Jan. 3 meeting.

The museum houses an impressive collection of Franklin automobiles, manufactured by H.H. Franklin in Syracuse from 1902 to 1934. The museum now resides in the sprawling home of the late Thomas Hill Hubbard. When Hubbard died in 1993, his home became the Franklin Automobile Museum, run by the foundation he established.

"It will be a big boost for the local economy," said village Mayor Tom Dougherty. "It certainly will bring people to the village and the Cazenovia area."

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decaying parts, clogging up his ability to enter into his home. Soon the problem got so bad he had to have them professionally removed. Al is doing much better now. He walks without a cane and is thinking more and more about Corvairs...

The Arizona Daily Star published an obituary shortly before Christmas for an Ethel Moore. No details were included other than the name of the funeral home. We mourn the passing of Ethel Moore. She was the mother of Larry Dandridge, a faithful Corvair owner and mechanic in Tucson for many years. Soon after the unexpected death of Larry in 1998, Ethel was given an honorary lifetime membership in our Club.

Fred Zimmerman has packed up his belongings and moved out of town. A pretty lady is the reason he has moved to Cary, Illinois. His late model convertible will surely miss the warm climes of the Sonoran Desert. The Club will surely miss seeing Fred too.

About the CORSA Communique

The CORSA Communique is the monthly magazine mailed to all CORSA members. It is a very high quality publication which has won the Golden Quill Award from Old Cars Weekly News & Marketplace for the years 1991-1996 and many previous years. It contains the latest news about Corvairs and CORSA, as well as historical and technical information. In addition to feature articles and tech topics, it includes a lively letters section where our members write about every Corvair-related subject imaginable, Chapter News with the latest happenings throughout the country, CORSA Calendar listing the schedule of upcoming local and national events, and CORSA Classified, a national marketplace for Corvairs and their parts. Every Corvair owner and enthusiast will find information which is worth far more than the cost of membership. If you like Corvairs, you must see this.

Feature articles tell the history of Corvair development and production, as researched by experts such as noted Chevrolet historian Dave Newell. CORSA members tell their stories of competition in concours, racing, or rallying, as well as how they prepared their cars and what they learned. There are tales of Corvair memories from long ago, and how some people rekindled their memories by finding another Corvair to restore or drive. Inspiration, information, hope, and humor, written by our members in their own words. Illustrated with original photos and drawings, as well as vintage pictures from old publications and the General Motors photo archives. If you want to see fresh stories about Corvairs, this is the place. Recent subjects have included a story of how Chevrolet learned to make aluminum castings for the Corvair, a retrospective on the late GM stylist Larry Shinoda, and a history of the Devin sports car.



What's this?

Tech Topics gives all the latest news about how to repair and improve your Corvair. After more than 30 years of working on Corvairs, we are still learning new and better ways to do things. Improved techniques, new materials, and parts substitutions from new cars are discovered every month. Changes in gasoline formulation and airconditioning laws bring new challenges. Our members write about repair techniques and routine maintenance, as well as how to improve the Corvair for high performance, reliability, longevity, comfort, and appearance. All tips are checked by our Technical Editor for accuracy and usefulness. Recent articles tell how to overhaul a differential, adjust the late model gear shift linkage, align the front suspension, and stop leaks from valve covers and Powerglide cables.

TCA 2005 Events at a Glance

JAN 2005

22 SAT Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts 11th Annual Car Show, Tubac Golf Course I-19 south to Exit 40, 10am-3pm. Meet at Cow Palace in Amado-8am.

26 WED Regular Monthly Meeting - 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm. Mountain View Restaurant 1220 E. Prince Road.

30 SUN Ventana Car Show at Ventana Golf & Country Club, 520-529-9158.

FEB

9 WED TCA Board Mtg, Mimi's Cafe, 4420 N. Oracle Rd., 6:30pm

13 SUN Franklin Museum Lunch/Tour 12pm-3pm, 1405 E. Kleindale, 326-8038.

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9 WED TCA Board Mtg. Wildcat House 6:30pm

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APRIL

9 SAT Boyce Thompson Arboretum

13 WED TCA Board Mtg. Monkey Box, 100 N. Stone Ave., 6:30pm

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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



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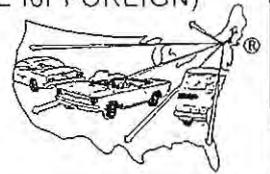
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Tucson Corvair Association Corvair Society of America Chapter 857

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: Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 East Prince Road, 293-0375
Parking Lot Bull Session: 6pm - Dinner: 6:20pm (optional)
Meeting: 7pm.

Upcoming Events:

Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts 11th Annual Car Show, Saturday, January 22, 2005
Tubac Golf Course I-19 south to Exit 40, 10am-3pm.
Meet for breakfast at the Cow Palace in Amado at 8am.

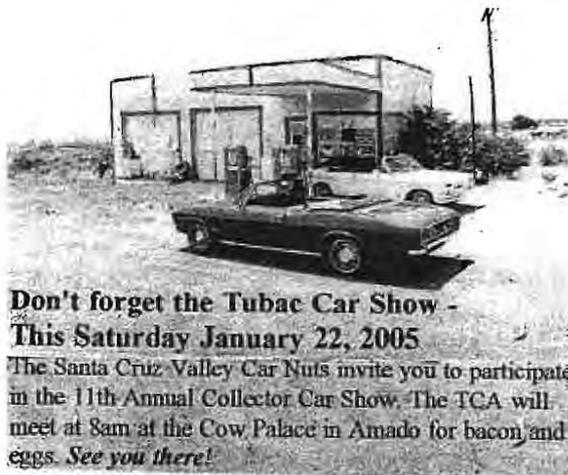


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**Don't forget the Tubac Car Show -
This Saturday January 22, 2005**

The Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts invite you to participate in the 11th Annual Collector Car Show. The TCA will meet at 8am at the Cow Palace in Amado for bacon and eggs. *See you there!*