

## Community-Wide Group Organized to Save Franklin Museum

The Franklin Museum Concerned Friends met briefly on Saturday March 12 to formulate a community-wide effort to object to the Franklin Foundation Board of Trustees' decision to move the Museum to New York State. Representative's from the newly formed group were invited to the March 13th H.H. Franklin Foundation Board of Trustees board meeting to speak in front of the Board. A formal objection to the move was made to the Board citing specific provisions in the late Tom Hubbard's Trust.

The Franklin Museum Concerned Friends (FMCF) are committed to honoring Mr. Hubbard's wishes to keep the Museum at its current site in Tucson. Those wishes are clearly reflected in the Trust written before Tom Hubbard's death in 1993. Any move or disubution of assets from its current location in Arizona could potentially violate the terms and conditions of that Trust.

The Franklin Museum preserves more than the legacy of a great American luxury car, it preserves a slice of Southern Arizona's amazing past, its scenic beauty and grandeur, its sunshine, its desert architecture, and a distinct vision started over fifty years ago.

The FMCF group is growing and needs your help in preventing another southwestern cultural jewel from being snatched away from Tucson. Please contact Evie Lorenson at 520-327-8379, or Chris Cunningham at 520-670-9676 to help make our voices heard.

The following letter was presented to the Board on March 13th:

### **WHAT DID TOM HUBBARD REALLY WANT?**

Tom Hubbard established a Trust to preserve his Franklin car collection and home as a museum for future generations to enjoy. The IRS recognized the merit of the project and

allowed 501-C-3 tax exempt status. The resulting foundation began operations before Mr. Hubbard died in 1993 and has continued since, keeping the collection maintained and open to the public. These cars have been in Tucson many years, and represent a quarter century of work by local craftsmen to restore to the present condition. Other earlier cars have been donated or borrowed to show the history of the make from beginning to end, 1903 to 1934. This effort has been recognized by Autoweek magazine as one of the best 10 small auto museums in the country.

The museum is a private educational foundation, funded by local sources, and governed by the provisions of Tom Hubbard's Trust declaration. It reflects his instructions for the operation of the collection, and his wishes to preserve it while making it available to visitors. Local citizens have done the work; both paid and volunteer to meet the diverse needs. The Trust provisions are specific to this site, his bequest, and the needs of the vehicle collection and local history. Museum staff and volunteers have paid careful attention to his vision and were he to come back today, we hope he would be pleased with the achievements of the past 12 years.

Recently some members of the Board of Trustees, mostly residents of the northeastern states, have taken actions to move the collection to New York State, and liquidate all Tucson assets to pay for part of the new facility. A broad base of constituents, volunteers, friends and family object to this project, as it is not a reflection of the Trustor's wishes for his collection as expressed in his letter of instructions. Clearly stated on page 2, paragraph 4 of the Trust:

**"The Foundation shall recondition and refurbish as needed, maintain and display for public viewing the antique Franklin automobiles in Trustor's collection and shall preserve, maintain and provide**



1910 Model G

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## 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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## TCA Donates \$500 to Frank Winchell Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Tucson Corvair Association started the New Year off with a \$500 donation to the Frank Winchell Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund awards several college scholarships a year to CORSA families.

Applicants must be a CORSA member in good standing or a child, grandchild, or ward of a member in good standing. Applicants must be a high school senior, or graduate, or have received the equivalent of a H.S. diploma. They must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent, and show a evidence of scholastic achievement and potential. Those with a H.S. equivalency degree will be considered to have a 3.0 grade point average.

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for public use upon such conditions for security as the Trustees deem appropriate the real property conveyed to this Trust and all books, objects of art and artifacts on the subjects of the Franklin automobile and the archeology and history of the southwest."

We also feel that any move away from its current location is a violation of the terms and conditions set forth on page 8, paragraph sixteen:

**"...The Trustees shall so limit their activities and discretions in carrying out the purposes of the foundation as to maintain its standing as a qualified donee of deductible contributions for income, gift, estate and inheritance tax purposes under the Revenue Laws of the United States and the State of Arizona now in force and as hereafter amended, and this provision is expressly made a limitation upon the purposes of the Foundation created by this indenture."**

We do not, however, object to a museum in New York, but feel the trustees who want one should establish their own trust and seek incorporated non-profit recognition there, to reflect their goals to bring a Franklin museum to that area.

Tom Hubbard's trust in Tucson should be served by a board that clearly recognize his bequest to the public, the limits of it, and be willing to work to realize them. Trustees of a Trust serve that trust; they are not directors of an incorporated non-profit which can make major policy decisions at any time.

Franklin Museum Concerned Friends  
March 12, 2005

## Frank Winchell

The applicant should be able to demonstrate the capacity to provide direction and guidance in activities both in school and the community. Applicants should exhibit high standards of personal conduct and responsibility.

Applications are available now, and must be returned by June 1st, 2005. Scholarship winners will be announced at the CORSA Convention Awards Banquet in Portland, Oregon on July 30, 2005.

Interested applicants should contact Mark Corbin, 5474 State Route 19, Gafion, OH 44833-8901. The number of awards and the amounts of each will be published in the April 2005 *Communique*.

For those of you who do not remember who Frank Winchell was, a close look at the May 2004 *Corvairsation* may refresh your memory. Frank Winchell's worked in the Engineering R&D department at Chevrolet. He is the same Frank Winchell who provided GM with engineering support for the legal defense of the Corvair. Apparently

there was an exchange of technology between famed Chaparral designer Jim Hall and Chevrolet's engineering department.

"Although the concepts behind Chaparral cars were mostly the product of Jim Hall's own creative genius, much of the detailed engineering came from Winchell's R&D department. Chevrolet would work up Jim's concepts, fabricate many of the complex components, and leave it up to Jim and Hap Sharp to assemble the machines and race them. This arrangement enabled Frank's Winchell's engineers to explore cutting edge automotive technology while remaining in compliance with Chevrolet's official corporate policy, which forbade direct participation in motor sports."



Frank Winchell asked Chaparral Cars to test Corvairs at Rattlesnake Raceway in 1963. "These tests were conducted to determine the absolute limits of Corvair handling and were made necessary by the wave of Corvair lawsuits that were being litigated against General Motors."



Another Frank Winchell claim to fame that came up on an Internet search was the 1983 GM Lean Machine. The Lean Machine was a tilting three wheeler (the front wheel tilts) with a wheelbase of 71", tread width of 28" and an overall width of 36", an overall height of 48" and a weight of 400 lbs. It was powered by a 38hp

2-cyl engine that could take the trike up to 60 in 6.8 sec. The 122" overall length gave it a fuel efficiency of over 120 mpg.

Winchell was challenged to come up with a vehicle that seals out the bad weather, gets extraordinary mileage, occupies little more parking space than a motorcycle and doesn't intimidate its driver by tipping over on slippery pavement. The tilt is controlled by foot pedals; left pedal makes a tilt to the right. This is different than an airplane, yet makes



sense since you are pushing away from the turn, a rather natural response, like a person running. This vehicle, amazingly, has a maximum tilt of 55 degrees, and at least one article claims 1.2g of acceleration is possible, although this claim is disputable.

# November 2004 General Membership Minutes

February 24, 2005

**Members Present:** Bill Maynard, Lynn Marrs, Dave and Patrick Lynch, Dave Baker, Nancy (Let's Have a Good Time) Goodman, Jerry and Midge Roethlisberger, Don Robinson, Ed Segerstrom, Allen Elvick, Barry Cunningham. **Guest:** Mike Strong.

President Bill Maynard called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Approval of the Minutes for January:** Dave Baker made a motion to approve the February 24 Minutes, David Lynch seconded this motion and the February 24, 2005 Minutes were approved as written.

**Presidents Report:** Bill Maynard reported on the Franklin Museum. It was wonderful seeing the vintage Franklins and we all appreciated the tour and information by Bourke Runton, the Director. We had a great day, Barry was a great cook, great food, great turn out of people for a day of fun. We would like to see the collection kept here in Tucson rather than move the museum moved to New York. Perhaps if enough car clubs signed a petition the Franklin Foundation Board of Trustees could be persuaded to stay in Tucson. Bill would like to have a calling committee for the mid-month events to remind people to take part.

**Vice-Presidents Report:** Barry Cunningham reported on the Franklin Museum tour also and encouraged all to attend the tune-up clinic at Bill Maynard's on Sunday March 20th from 10am to 4pm.

**Election of Officers:** Barry Cunningham announced the unanimous outcome: President - Bill Maynard, V.P.- Barry Cunningham, Treasurer - Allen Elvick, Member at Large - Dave Lynch, What about the Editor?

**Raffle Winners:** Jerry Roethlisberger, Ed Segerstrom, Allen Elvick and Bill Maynard.

**New Business:** Ed Segerstrom talked about his El Camino. He worked so very on it to get it started. He reported that by letting the engine cool, he passed emissions.

**Web Site:** Dave Baker reported that no one has taken the responsibility of keeping the web-site up to date and the club needs to find some one who will update it. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact Bill Maynard or Chris Cunningham ASAP.

**Treasurer's Report -** Allen Elvick reported that the club had \$4997.17 on hand and had taken in \$229.00, spent \$613.08 which left the ending balance at \$4613.09.

**Merchandise -** No report at this time.

**Library -** No report at this time.

**People Driving Corvairs Tonight:** Bill Maynard, David Lynch Jerry Roethlisberger, Don Robinson, and Barry Cunningham.

Barry Cunningham made a motion to adjourn at 8:10, Allen Elvick seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Marrs, Recording Secretary

# TCA 2005 Events at a Glance

## MAR

20 SUN *Corvair Tune-Up Clinic* at Bill Maynard's 10am-4pm, 3605 N. Vine 325-8497.

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

## APRIL

9 SAT *Boyce Thompson Arboretum Herb Festival 11am-3pm.* The fragrant and charming Wing Memorial Herb Garden is the setting for this festival. Live music, live culinary demonstrations of herbal cuisine, children's games, crafts, and exhibits by local herbalists - fun for the whole family! Herbs for sale.

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

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

29 FRI-SUN *12th Annual Beeline Cruise-In and Charity Car Show* Payson, AZ Sponsored by the Rim Country Classic Auto Club. Information: Larry Bertram, 928-472-7769.

## MAY

11 WED **TCA Board Mtg.** Location TBA 6:30pm  
22 SUN *1st Annual Tortolita Round Up*, 14020 N. Gecko Canyon Tr., (Lynn Marrs') 520-297-8969.

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

# 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



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**Tucson Corvair Association  
Corvair Society of America  
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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: Mountain View Restaurant, 1220 East Prince Road, 293-0375  
Parking Lot Bull Session: 6pm - Dinner: 6:20pm (optional)  
Meeting: 7pm.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, March 20 Corvair Tune-Up Clinic**  
Bill Maynard hosts. Bring your car, don't miss this opportunity to get your car checked out by the pros. Bring a dish to share too. 10am-4pm, 3605 N. Vine, 325-8497.

**Saturday, April 9 Boyce Thompson Arboretum Herb Festival**  
11am-3pm. Join the Cactus Corvair Club in beautiful Superior, AZ for some live music, live culinary demonstrations of herbal cuisine, children's games, crafts, and exhibits by local herbalists - fun for the whole family! Meet at Metropolitan Grill 7892 N. Oracle at Magee at 9am.



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