

Franklin Museum Update

Many of you may have seen the article written in the *Tucson Citizen* recently (*Tucson Losing Special Museum*, 2/2/06) by C.T. Revere. At stake is Tom Hubbard's collection of one of America's greatest luxury automobiles, the air-cooled Franklin

AND his passive solar house, designed by Harvard educated architect William Y. Peters in 1937, a collection of art objects including Indian artifacts passed down from his aunt, Alice Carpenter, paintings, and furniture -- all embodying

Arizona's historical past. Mr. Hubbard's trust is as much about the house, art, and southwestern archaeological treasures, as it is about the cars.

The current Board of Directors of the Franklin Foundation, mostly residents of the northeastern states, are planning to move the collection to Cazenovia, New York, against the clearly stated wishes of Tom Hubbard. A broad base of friends, volunteers, family members, and community members, calling themselves the Franklin Museum Concerned Friends, was formed to help save the museum and keep it in Tucson. They feel that actions such as these are not a reflection of Mr. Hubbard's wishes as expressed in his letter of instructions penned shortly before his death in 1993.

The Franklin Museum Concerned Friends, 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,



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to reflect their goals of bringing a Franklin museum to that area.

It is important to point out that Tom Hubbard's trust should be served by a board that clearly recognizes his bequest to the public, the limits of it, and be willing to work to realize them.

Trustees of a trust serve that trust in a fiduciary capacity; that means they hold something in trust for another, not simply as directors of an incorporated non-profit which can make major policy decisions at any time.

Citing cramped quarters, the trustees looked into expanding the museum. The expansion plans that were drawn up and presented to the City of Tucson called for a significant variation to the residential site and were, not surprisingly, rejected. Additionally, why weren't the initial plans drawn up to be consistent with the neighborhood specifically chosen by Mr. Hubbard for this museum? It is conceivable that if the plans had been revised to allow for current zoning restrictions, the museum's needs could surely be met, and the integrity of the neighborhood where it sits, be preserved. The museum and the Richland Heights neighborhood go hand in hand.

The provisions of the trust are specific to the site, his bequest, and the needs of the vehicle collection and local history. It seems that these

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TCA to Elect New Board in February

New Directors will be voted into office at the February meeting. The term periods start in March and are for one year with a one year renewal option.

This year's candidates are: Bill Maynard for President, Dave Lynch for Vice President, Allen Elvick for Treasurer, Lynn Marrs for Recording Secretary, Van Pershing for Webmaster and Assistant Editor, Chris Cunningham for Editor, Don Robinson for Merchandise Chairperson, Bill Maynard for Librarian, and Barry Cunningham for Board Member at Large.

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northeasterners may not understand the southwestern culture that Mr. Hubbard thought integral to the museum. This is evidenced by the fact that they have chosen a site in Upstate New York. In fact, so specific are Mr. Hubbard's wishes for the museum that many details call for vehicle location within the museum down to inches for certain cars.

Instead resubmitting the plans to the City of Tucson, the trustees searched for a new site. They found one in a very small town New York. Hold it! What about Tom Hubbard's wishes? What about the southwestern artifacts; the historical house; the Arizona furniture? They are on equal footing with the cars, according to Mr. Hubbard's instructions.

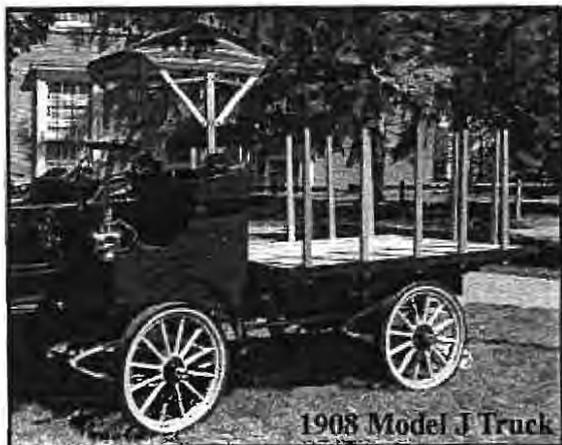
The museum's new executive director, Dick Borges, who is not from Tucson, thinks that this collection does not mean anything to people here. What evidence does he have for that statement? Does he have the authority to speak for Tucsonans?

He obviously has not spoken to Doug and Evie Lorenson, or Tom Peterson, or Bill Maynard, or any of the thousands of other car enthusiasts here in Tucson and Southern Arizona who either knew Tom Hubbard, worked for him, or have visited the museum over the years. Maybe Dick just forgot.

Tucson Corvair Association President Bill Maynard's father helped build the house where Hubbard lived. The house is a treasure of Pueblo architecture and passive solar design. Hubbard states clearly in his wishes that people "be aware of the really high quality construction.... The entire design of the house is superb and its integrity should be respected. I hope that it is maintained and not modified."

How is moving the museum to Upstate New York consistent with Mr. Hubbard's hope that [the house] is maintained and not modified, in fact, it is entirely contradictory.

Evie Lorenson's late husband, Ronald, was involved in the restoration of many of Tom's vehicles in the



museum. She and her son Doug have written and pleaded with the trustees and the City of Tucson to find a way to keep the collection here. Doug's father took such pride in his work as a skilled craftsman for Mr. Hubbard that nothing less than perfection was achieved. If this museum leaves Tucson, part of Ron Lorenson's legacy will go with it.

Mr. Hubbard's instructions state that the Franklins be kept here for "at least 25 years --- the reason I say this



is that I regard each unit as part of a whole collection --- take away one, such as the Pirate Pheaton, and you have damaged the entire collection. The 25 years, hopefully, would extend much longer..."

Mr. Hubbard never mentioned moving the collection to New York, or anywhere else for that matter. He and the original trustees wanted it to remain here in Tucson... FOR A LONG TIME.

If Frank Hantak, the current treasurer of the Foundation, really wishes "the museum was staying here" why did he vote for moving it to New York? Why did the trustees remove the all the members who opposed the move to New York (or anywhere else) from the Board?

Contrary to what the new executive director thinks or was told by the trustees to think, Tucson does care a lot about the Franklin Museum and what it represents to Tucson. The Franklin Museum Concerned Friends have a great deal of respect for what Tom Hubbard started before he died and will do whatever possible to see that his wishes are not violated.

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. Mr. Hubbard's legacy belongs in Tucson, not in New York.

It's not too late!

Help save the Franklin Museum in Tucson by contacting Evie Lorenson at 520-327-8379, or Chris Cunningham at 520-670-9676. Help make the Franklin Museum Concerned Friends voices heard.

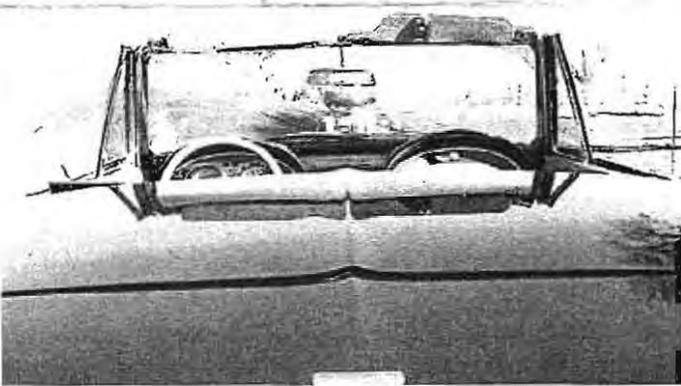
12th Annual Tubac Car Show

424 cars were shown at the annual Tubac Arizona Car Show sponsored by the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts on January 21st. The weather was picture perfect.



Oh Riley, probably a 1963.

Can you name this car with the crazy engine in the front?



1931 Austin 7 convertible owned by G. Smith won 1st place in the British 1962 and older makes.



How about this one on the left? The editor recently discovered the remains of a Corvair planted underneath the arms of a mesquite tree near the San Pedro River on the outskirts of San Manuel, AZ. Nearby rests a Turnpike Cruiser unable to cruise anywhere and far from any turnpike.



TCA 2006 Events at a Glance

FEB

8 WED TCA Board Mtg. Famous Dave's, 4565 N. Oracle Rd., 6:30pm.

19 SUN *Woody Woodsworth's Old Time Museum*, 11050 E. Pantano Trail, 298-2060. Meet Gus Balons Restr. 6027 E. 22nd. St. 10am. for breakfast, then to Woodies at 11:30am.

22 WED **Regular Monthly Meeting** Micha's North, 1220 East Prince Road, 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.

25 SAT **Cactus Corvair Club** tours Pima Air Museum. Eventmaster: 480-812-8962.

MAR

8 WED TCA Board Mtg. Pescado Feliz, 840 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. 624-0459. 6:30pm.

19 SUN *The Arizona Renaissance Festival* meet at 9:30am at Trader Joes, Oracle and Magee Roads. The Festival is situated 7 miles east of Apache Junction on US Highway 60.

22 WED **Regular Monthly Meeting** Micha's North, 1220 East Prince Road, 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.

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2 SUN *Poppy Run 2006* sponsored by Vennura Co Corvairs largest Corvair moving event in CA Info: corvairjack@yahoo.net, 805-984-2692.

12 WED TCA Board Mtg. Silver Saddle Steak House, I-10 & 6th AV. 6:30pm.

20-22 TH AACA Western Spring Meet, Tucson Hilton East. Hosted by AACA Tucson Region, Info: Ron Sotardi, 749-8659.

26 SUN **Regular Monthly Meeting** Micha's North, 1220 East Prince Road, 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm

TBA *Rendezvous with Cactus Corvair at Picacho Peak/Superior Arboretum*



Above: 1957 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser
Below: This one stumped the editor. It's a Suburban wagon made by Dodge, possibly in 1957.



Below: This solitary Ford pickup, possibly a 1970, '71, or '72 sits on a 4 acre piece of property just outside of San Manuel, Arizona. Outlasting the house, now long gone, (probably towed away to the junk yard) this truck might have some life left. Who knows?



November 2005 General Membership Minutes

Note: There are no minutes taken at the December meeting. The December meeting is an annual holiday party.

November 16, 2005

Members Present: Bill Maynard, Lynn Marrs, Dave Lynch, Dave Baker, Dave Martin, Allen Elvick, Bruce Porter, Mike Strong, Chris Cunningham, Barry Cunningham, Don Robinson, GordonCauble, John and Amy Young.

President Bill Maynard called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Approval of the Minutes for November, 2005: Don Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Chris Cunningham, seconded this. The motion passed.

President's Report: Bill Maynard reported on the Tubac Car Show. Chris Cunningham, Lynn Marrs and Bill Maynard were the only three to show and meet at the Cow Palace Restaurant that morning. After Breakfast they went to the Car Show and discovered Ken Brown had entered his Corvair and there were Jerry and Midge Roethlisberger showing their Corvair also. There were many outstanding cars being shown. Next year we need to get together and show as a group. We have discovered that in April, Bisbee also has a Car Show. This would be fun to participate in.

We need your help! Please think of activities you would enjoy doing with the club and make a list. It is important for the club to do things as a group to keep the interest up and people participating. So please help us.

Vice-President's Report: Barry Cunningham noted that the next middle of the month event will be February 19, 2006 at Woodies Muscum. We shall meet for breakfast at 10am. at Gus Balons on Feb 19, 2006 before going to Woodies Museum near 22nd St.

Our March mid-month outing will be also be a lot of fun. On March 19th at 9:30am, we shall meet in the parking lot of Trader Joes at Magee and Oracle and caravan up to the Renaissance Festival for the day.

2006 Dues: Some of our members have paid and some have not, so if you have not, please remember to ante up.

Treasurers Report: Allen Elvick reported that the bank account started at \$4024.84, total income was \$650.00 from Christmas party, new membership Bruce Porter, membership Dave Baker and Chris Cunningham for a total of \$650.00, total expense's going out were \$980.30, so the total balance is \$3694.54 at this time.

Raffle Tonight: Raffle winners tonight were, Mike Strong, Amy Young and Bruce Porter. Gifts for our next meeting will be given by Dave, Amy and John and Chris.

New Business: The library has been moved to the shop of Bill Maynard at 3605 N, Vine St. in Tucson. The Corvair tow bar is at Bill's place also.

Nominating Committee: No report at this time.

Corvair Talk: Don Robinson took off for the Corvair Convention in Palm Springs, before he could get out of Arizona he ran into problems. His son came and got the tow bar and brought Don and the Car back to Tucson for some work on the car.

Bill Maynard was driving his car down River Road and when he stopped for the light, there was a huge Bang blowing the people off the bus stop bench, (ok , almost blowing them off) it scared them any way. His Universal Joint just exploded right there!! The Bell Housing had to be replaced also, but the little red Corvair is fit as a fiddle and ready for adventure now!!!

Adjourn:

A Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 by Barry Cunningham and seconded by Allen Elvick. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted, *Lynn Marrs*
Recording Secretary

Arizona Renaissance Festival March 19



Heads Up! Put your troubles aside and escape to the Arizona Renaissance Festival, a peaceful shire where pleasure and celebration are the only orders of the day as decreed by King Henry!

The Arizona Renaissance Festival is the destination for our March mid-month activity and is one of the largest of the Renaissance events in the nation because it is really five festivals all rolled into a giant, costumed fantasy village with:

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FOR SALE: 1963 Conv. Same Tucson owner last 25 years. Rebuilt everything, including recent tires, brakes, clutch, elec. fuel pump, rear window. Ask Bill Maynard about this car. Needs radio and minor cosmetics. \$3900. 326-2701 Dave Martin.

FOR SALE: LM shrouds - powder coated black, complete upper and lower, was \$400, now \$350, Al Crispin: 722-9445.

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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: Micha's North, 1220 East Prince Road, (formerly Mt View Restr.) Parking Lot Bull Session: 6pm. Optional dinner at 6:20, meeting starts at 7pm.

Raffle gifts for our next meeting will be donated by: Dave, Amy, John, and Chris.

Upcoming Events:

February 19, Sunday

Woody Woodsworth's Old Time Car Museum

11050 E Pantano Trail, 298-2060. Details TBA. Meet Gus Balons Restr. 6027 E. 22nd. St. 10am. for breakfast, then to Woodies at 11:30am.

February 22, Wed

TCA Election of Officers will take place at our regular monthly meeting at Micha's del Norte on Wednesday night. Please come and support the candidates.



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Winter in Arizona: Ken Brown and Bill Maynard at the Tubac Car Show January 21 in front of Ken's '64 convertible.

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