

# Merry Christmas to All



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As 2011 draws to a close and the Christmas Season approaches, the Tucson Corvair Association would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a most happy and joyous holiday season.

The TCA was founded in 1975 and has given us nearly 37 years of enjoying the Corvair automobile and the company of fellow club members. We hope that we can continue that same tradition for years to come.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

We remind you of the annual Christmas party will be held on December 8th at the Taste of Texas Steakhouse, 8310 N. Thornydale (at Cortaro). Festivities will commence at 6:30 PM. Please come join us for an evening of good food, good people and a fun time. Bring an item or two of nonperishable food for the food bank.

## SILENT AUCTION

There will be a Silent Auction at the Christmas Party this year. If you have a special item or two you'd be willing to donate bring them to the party.

Remarkably, in 30 years the membership dues of the Tucson Corvair Association has not increased. Over the years there have been many generous donations to the club such as a car and large parts inventories that have added to the treasury and made it possible to keep membership dues at bay. Monthly raffles have also added a little. The Silent Auc-

*This artist's rendition of a 1962 Corvair Monza station wagon appeared on the cover of the December 2009 issue of the Antique Automobile Club of America's monthly magazine*

## Tucson Corvair Association



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The 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 (CORSAs) as Chapter 357.

Membership dues are \$15 per year for individuals and \$18 for families. Initial dues are \$19 for individuals and \$22 for families (includes name tags) for members of CORSAs. Add \$3 per person for non-CORSA members. Make checks payable to the Tucson Corvair Association.

Change of Address: Report any change of address or phone number to the Membership Chairperson.

CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communique, a bi-monthly publication. CORSA memberships is not required for membership in the Tucson Corvair Association, but is highly recommended. See any TCA officer for more information.

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

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# TCA 2011/12 Events at a Glance

No Regular Meeting in December.

See you at the Christmas Party

Thu, Dec 8

**TCA Christmas Party.** This year's party will be held at the Taste of Texas Steakhouse, 8310 N Thornydale (at Cortaro). 6:30 PM. See the website for more details.

Wed, Jan 25

**Regular Monthly Meeting.** Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Golden Corral, 6865 N Thornydale Road (just south of Ina).

Sat, Jan 28

**18th Annual Collector Car Show,** Tubac, Arizona. Details available on our website.

Board of Director meetings are held at 5:30 PM before the regular monthly meeting at the same location. Any general member is welcome to attend.

**This is a good time of the year to speak with a Board Member about the activities you'd like to see us have. Planning for next year's events will start soon. The Board usually maps out the entire year all at once, so make your suggestions soon.**

We all have our own way of marking our territory!



# November Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held November 16, 2011 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 6865 N. Thornydale, Tucson Arizona.

The meeting was called to order 7:03 PM by President Ron Bloom.

Lynn Marrs made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Jim Mills seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

In attendance at the meeting were guest Marty Boehme from Portland, Oregon, Ron and Lynn Bloom, Leah Proud, Don Green, Terry and Jim Mills, Heidi and Ken Farr with their granddaughter, Don Robinson, Allen Elvick, Bill Maynard, Barry Cunningham, Chris Cunningham, Ed Segerstrom, and Lynn Marrs.

Marty Boehme spoke about the Portland club and the Econo Run. He talked about the activities his club does. He has gone to the Franklin Museum and mentioned the fact that the PT Cruiser is no longer made.

Presidents report: Ron reported that Barry Cunningham has stepped down from the job of club treasurer and that Allen Elvick is taking over the job at this time.

Treasurer Report: Allen Elvick reported that we have a balance of \$2,365.55 at the Wells Fargo Bank. There is no activity on the account this month of November.

Heidi Farr reported that she has bought magnets to hold our name tags onto our shirts instead of the sharp pin in the back. She will sell them for \$2.00 a piece.

Ken Farr spoke of the Cruising on the River Car Show in Laughlin, Nevada being held on January 5 through 8

Don Robinson has 8 of the new T-shirts left at \$15.00 a piece.

Bill Maynard presented a list of all the club tools that he has at his Last Chance Garage.

Lynn Marrs will make a printed list for the Newsletter.

Jim Mills announced that the Christmas party will be at the Taste of Texas Steakhouse on Thursday, December 8 starting at 6:30 PM. The restaurant is located at Cortaro and Thornydale in the Basha's Shopping Center. Bring some canned food for the Food Bank. There will also be a silent auction to make some money, so if you can bring something that someone would like to buy.

Jim Mills announced that the planned Car Clinic is being moved to a future date to be announced.

Raffle Winners: Allen Elvick, Jim Mills, and Marty Boehme. People bringing raffle gifts for January are Allen, Ken and Chris.

Heidi Farr made a motion to adjourn, Don Robinson seconded the motion and all approved.

The meeting adjourned 7:39 PM.



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# President's Message

By the time you read this Thanksgiving will have come and gone. However there is always plenty to be thankful for. I'm thankful for being part of such a great group of friends that this club is to Lynn and I. We wish you and your family's all a great and wonderful time this Thanksgiving as we give thanks, stuff our selves and take a long walk, or maybe fall asleep on the couch.

This year's annual Christmas celebration is at the Taste of Texas Steakhouse, 8310 N Thornydale on December 8th at 6:30 PM. Our VP Jim Mills has arranged for us a private room, so come prepared to enjoy a fine meal and an exciting Silent Auction. The Gordon Cauble award will be presented to the person of the year. Don't forget to bring some nonparishable food items for the food bank and remember the less fortunate. REMEMBER THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!!!

I want to thank our guest Marty Boehme who was at our last meeting who is from Oregon and a member of CORSA Oregon. Marty and his wife, Katie will be in town until April and will be at the TCA Christmas dinner. He said he was going to wear a Santa's hat.... I wonder if he will bring gifts!!

Mark your calenders for the Steering & Suspension Clinic presented by Jim Mills some time in February. This is something you do not want to miss. A firm date has not yet been announced soon.

Take Care, drive safe, and get that Corvair out there on the road! Until the next time, turn your headlights on and God bless!!!

Ron  
President



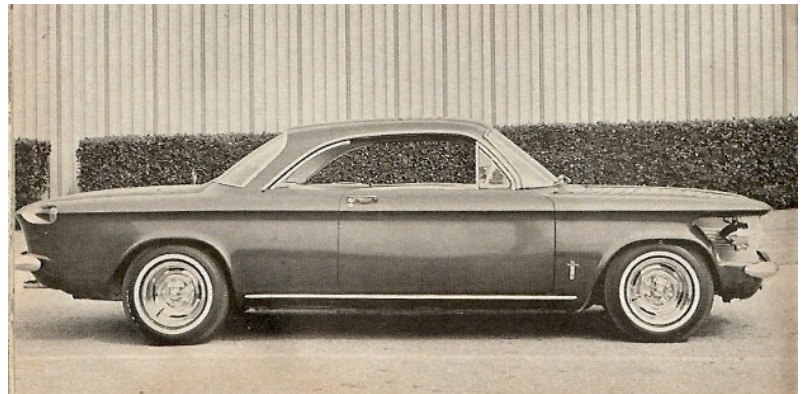
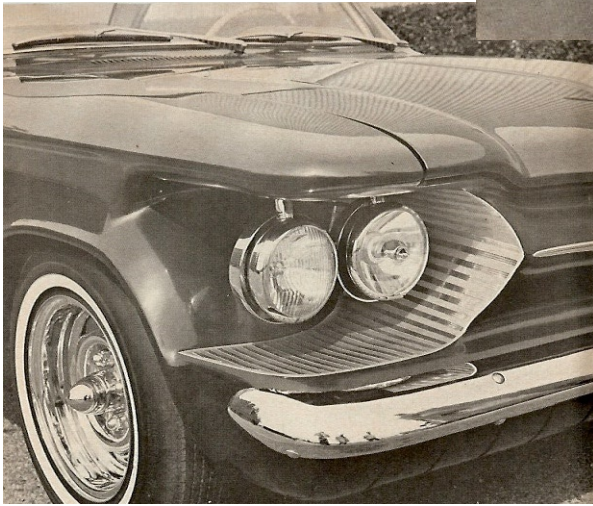
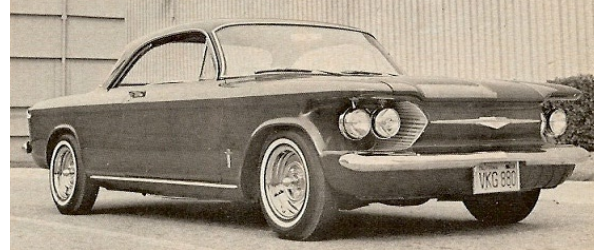
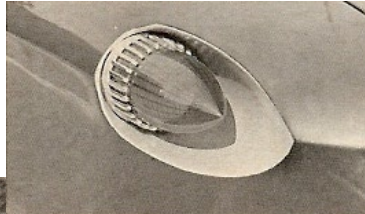
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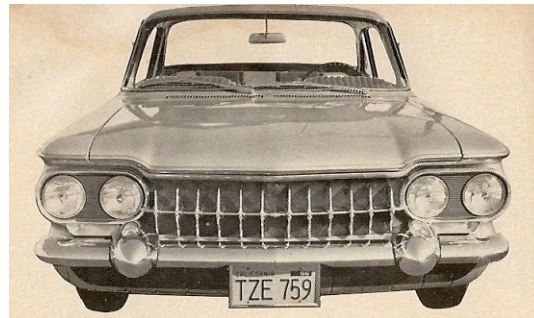
**MYSTIC CORVAIR** - Beyond some extensive metalwork and trimming, the subtle difference between the Corvair shown here and the stock-bodied Corvair lies in a top that has been chopped 1-1/2". This small lowering of the overall height of the car demands immediate attention in spite of its other attributes. As a compliment to the car's overall styling, deep headlight tunnels were trimmed with Mylar tape and accommodate both stock and Lucas headlights. At the rear, '59 Cadillac taillight lenses were tuned into the fenders.



*These customized Corvairs appeared in a Hot Rod magazine publication entitled Custom Compacts that appeared in about 1962.*



**DENO'S CORVAIR** - Dick Dean of Buena Park, California is the owner/builder of this '61 Corvair. A '57 Corvette grill and '62 Lincoln bumper guards were used to transform the appearance of the front end. By adding small bullets to the stock headlight lenses they were made to resemble the popular Lucas units. At the rear of the car '60 Mercury taillights and an extra set of capped exhaust tips add a note of distinction.



A front view of this Corvair shows a bar grill, translucent plastic covered headlights, reversed wheels, and upholstered front wheel wells.



From the rear, the car displays Edsel-type frenched tail-lights, upholstered license plate recess, and hand-formed nerf bars.



This Corvair has a handsome top which gives it an extremely low silhouette. The car claims Iowa as its home state.





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**Regular Monthly Meetings** are held on the Fourth Wednesday of every month with a bull session starting at 6:30pm with the meeting starting at 7:00pm.

The November meeting is held on the third Wednesday. The December meeting is our annual Christmas party. See details inside.

## MEETING PLACE:

Golden Corral, 6865 N Thornydale Road (just south of Ina), Tucson, Arizona.



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*And a Happy New Year!!*