

Mt Lemmon Picnic? Not so much!

Plans were made with good intentions to have a nice picnic on Saturday, May 14 at somewhere around 8,000 feet above sea level where the air is crisp and cool. It wasn't meant to be. When the scouting party arrived to attempt to set up camp, all the spots were taken. No room in the inn. Without a moments hesitation Vice President Sam Pernu put "plan B" in motion and the venue was relocated to Agua Caliente Park. It turned out to be the perfect setting for a Club picnic with a lot of good food, good friends and good times. Seven Corvairs also attended the outing.



Agua Caliente Park is a very beautiful venue. If you look carefully at the picture above, you may be able to see the Aqua Caliente Monster starting to enter the frame.



No TCA barbecue is complete without Master Griller Dave Lynch on the job. He is great on the grill but not too quick getting the fender on his blue Monza repaired. Seven Corvairs attended the picnic: Mike's Red Rocket, Dr. Bill's Lakewood, Dave's blue coupe, Gloria's green convertible, Ron's Orchid Bloom, Frank's white coupe, and Sam's Corsa convertible.



From the park, the Santa Catalinas loom in the distance with Mt Lemmon almost casting a shadow on the picnic tables.



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TCA 2016 Events at a Glance

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Membership dues are \$15 per year for individuals and \$18 for families. Initial dues are \$19 for individuals and \$22 for families (includes one name tag). Make checks payable to the Tucson Corvair Association and mail to the TCA Treasurer.

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CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communiqué, 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.

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Jun 11, Sat

Mt Lemmon Picnic sponsored by the Classic Chevy Club. We are invited to attend for helping at the Chevy Showdown. Meet at McDonalds, Catalina Hwy at 9:30am. Must RSVP to Melisa Hadinger at 907-7995 or email at mapcrap@hotmail.com

Jun 18, Sat

Little Anthony's Car Show. 7010 E Broadway. TCA to be the sponsor. Must be there by 4:30pm

Jun 22, Wed

Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell, Tucson, Arizona.

Sat, Jul 16

Breakfast at the Hungry Fox. Broadway and Swan. 8:30am.

Sat, Aug 20

Breakfast at Todd's. Meet at El Rio Golf Course, Speedway east of I-10 at 8:30am.

Oct 1, Sat
(tentative)

8th Annual All Corvair Show, Thorobred Chevrolet, 2121 N Arizona Ave, Chandler, Arizona

Oct 15, Sat

10th Annual Tucson Classic Car Show, The Gregory School, 3231 N

Oct 28 - 30

GWFBT&SM, Sunrise Field, Palm Springs, California

Oct 29, Sat

Cops and Rodders Car Show, Hi Corbett Field, Tucson, Arizona.

All the King's horses and all the King's men.....



Ron's Evening Orchid didn't quite make it home from the Agua Caliente picnic under it's own power. Here you see several of the state's brightest minds discussing the options.

May Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held May 25, 2016 at Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm In attendance were Dave and Patrick Lynch, Ron Dawson, Bob Moulton, Dean Hawley, Bill Maynard, Eileen Hurtado, Don Robinson, Mike Lake, Allen Elvick, Bill Sala and Sam Pernu.

Minutes approved from last meeting. Dean seconded.

Don gave merchandise report. We have oil filters and t-shirts for sale. There is also a late model fan and pulley for sale.

Allen gave the treasury report. It was approved. We now have enough money to buy one log for the club house in Summer Haven. YEAH!

The Chevy Show Down was discussed There were 163 cars in all. It was a fantastic show. The Club took home some awards and raffle prizes. In early model class, John Young took first, Allen took second and Frank took third. In late model class Mike took first, Gloria took second and Ron (Purple Rain) took third. Mike also won both raffle grand prizes: a 32" flat screen TV and a gas grill which he donated to the club.

The Club's Mt Lemmon picnic became the Agua Caliente picnic since we could not find a spot on Mt Lemmon. We had a great time anyway.

Road trip with members of the American Steel of Tucson club on Sunday, May 22. Franks Corvy broke an axle. Flatbed operator damaged front of Corvy. Woman takes nasty bike spill.

Upcoming Events:

Sat, June 11: The Classic Chevy club has invited us to join them for a picnic on Mt Lemmon. Meet at McDonald's at Catalina Hwy at 9:30am. RSVP required.

Sat, May 28: Speedway Antique Mall Car Show 4:30pm to 9:00pm.

Sat, May 28: Rex Allen Days car show in Willcox

Sat, June 18: Tucson Corvair Association sponsors the Little Anthony's show. We must be there by 4:30mp.

Sat, July 16: Breakfast at Hungry Fox.

Sat, Aug 20: Breakfast at Todd's at Ryan Field.

We need to get with John and pick a day we can visit with Amy.

Break 7:27pm.

Fan Belt toss won by Alan (little does he know he's going to the GWFBT this year). He made \$7, the club \$8.

Tech Session: Bill discussed thru show and tell the axle breakage on Franks Corvy. Mike talked about installing aftermarket gauges in Frank's '68 and his '65. Also mentioned and passed around a photo of a speedometer gauge that is perfect for Ron's Purple Rain. This gauge only read's to 45 mph, which would be quite a stretch for that car. Dave found some 25 year-old wax that his Dad had. He used it on his car with amazing results. We all think it might be a real slow working paint remover.

Meeting adjourned: 7:58pm.

Submitted by Mike Lake

Editor's Turn at the Wheel The evolution of a newsletter in print

This issue of the *Corvairsation* represents the progress of a great 40 years that this publication has been in print. It has gone through some interesting phases as the years have rolled along.



In the beginning, the editors made up the master pages and took them to the local copy shop to have copies made. As the Club grew, a large copy machine was purchased and kept at the editor's home, reducing the printing costs. We would print about 80 copies of our six to eight page newsletter. At that time, computers were merely glorified typewriters, and any photos had to be hand-pasted onto the master pages before running them through the copy machine. We then had to collate, staple, and fold it eighty times. Then an address label and a stamp were affixed to each one. It was quite a chore, but lucky for me, my kids were still at the age where they loved doing that kind of stuff. It was a fun family project.

Now we have fancy publishing software and we can easily place pictures and resize them to fit the space. We have the internet which is a tremendous resource for great Corvair information. We have digital cameras and we can send pictures through email to one another without wasting film and worrying about how we can get pictures and information to each other. Since almost everyone has email (except for Barry), we now don't have to put a postage stamp on each newsletter and address labels are almost a thing of the past. It's much easier than it used to be, the quality of the newsletters is much better, and it costs much less, but the kids are gone and there are no more fun times around the kitchen table folding and stamping and putting on labels.

Now, here I sit ten thousand miles away still doing the newsletter very month as though I were right there with you in Tucson. Wonders of modern technology are at our fingertips and the beat goes on. May the next forty years of the *Corvairsation* be better than this first forty.... And may there still be lots of Corvairs around even though most of us won't be!!

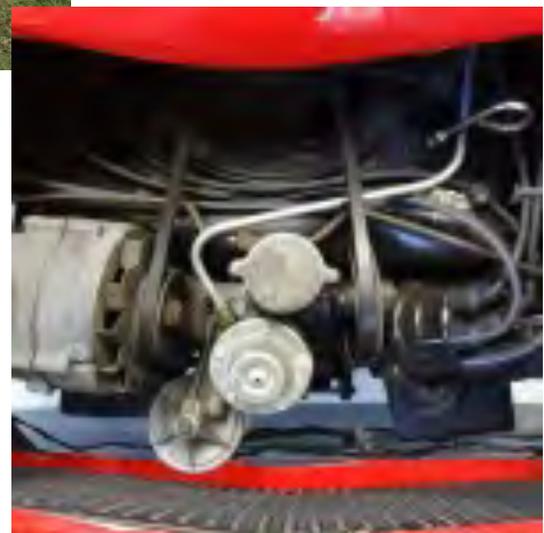
Van Pershing



Midas is the South African version of PEP Boys and carries a wide variety of car parts including this beautiful set of chrome hooters (horns).

Corsetta - BMW Isetta with a Corvair Engine

This 1957 BMW Isetta is called the Corsetta because instead of the factory 298 cc single-cylinder 4-stroke engine it is powered by a Chevy Corvair flat-six engine. This change increased the power from 13 horsepower to 150 horsepower. With the 10x increase in power and much more weight, the car can easily do wheelies all day. To compensate, weights were added to the front and a wheelie bar was installed in back. The car was built by an automotive shop class in the 1970's and was featured in Hot Rod Magazine in March 1977.



While not quite as fast as this '59 model with its 502 cubic-inch big block Chevy, the Corsetta is still plenty fast and just as scary!

What's in a Taillight?



Custom taillights have always been a source of great delight for those in the mood for customizing their cars. For Corvairs, the trio of taillights per side has been quite popular.



Using custom lenses in the stock housings is another way of adding a customized touch to the rear of the car.

And then there are those who go all-out with major sheet metal and bodywork to add that custom look to their ride.....



Although no photos of the actual car are available, a set of these '68 Dodge Coronet taillight assemblies were seen on the modified rear panel of a late model.





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

The November meeting is traditionally held on the third Wednesday. The December meeting is our annual Christmas party with the time and place to be announced.

MEETING PLACE:

Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell, Tucson, Arizona



Board of Director meetings are held at 5:30pm before the regular monthly meeting at the same location in the months of January, April, July, and October. All members are welcome to attend.

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