

# Old Pueblo Trolley Tour

On February 6, 2016, the TCA drove a few of their Corvairs into town to take a tour of the Old Pueblo Trolley Museum in Tucson. OPT is a volunteer organization that is in the process of restoring old trolleys and busses. The tour, arranged by TCA member Bob Mouton, took the group to three different locations located in and around the downtown area.

At one location they were able to see the #524 Lisbon Tram which was built in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1925 and used in Lisbon, Portugal up until the late sixties. Four of these 90 year-old beauties are still in service in Lisbon. The city of Aspen, Colorado bought several of these trolleys in hopes of having trolley service in their city. After several years of waffling back and forth, the voters finally said no and the trolleys were offered to museums around the country. OPT obtained two of them and have restored #524 to its original beauty.



*There were no less than six Corvairs in attendance on the tour, every one a beautiful site!*



**TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION**  
Established 1975

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 (CORSA) 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 one name tag). Make checks payable to the Tucson Corvair Association and mail to the TCA Treasurer.

**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 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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# TCA 2016 Events at a Glance

<b>Mar 19, Wed</b>	<b>Madera Canyon Picnic.</b> We'll depart from the parking lot of the Home Depot on Irvington and I-10 at 9am. Contact Frank Trejo, Sam Pernu, Mike Lake or Bill Maynard to RSVP and get a side dish assignment.
<b>Mar 23, Wed</b>	<b>Regular Monthly Meeting.</b> Pizza Hut, 2943 N Campbell. Parking Lot Bull Session at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm.
<b>Apr 30, Sat</b>	<b>31st Annual Chevy Showdown,</b> Casino del Sol Resort, 5653 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, Arizona. 9am to 3pm. Go to <a href="http://www.corvairs.org">www.corvairs.org</a> for details and registration form.
<b>Jun 3 - 5</b>	<b>32nd Annual Tri-State Corvair Meet,</b> Montrose, Colorado
<b>Oct 28 - 30</b>	<b>GWFBT&amp;SM,</b> Sunrise Field, Palm Springs, California

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## Use the resources at hand!

### Did you Know.....

....that you can list items for sale on the TCA website [www.corvairs.org](http://www.corvairs.org)? Yes! All you have to do is send a request to [tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com](mailto:tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com). Include plenty of pictures and a detailed description of the item(s) you wish to sell.

....that your ad will also be emailed to all members of TCA as well as other Corvair clubs on our mailing list? Yes!

....that you can also use the website to look for items you want? Yes! Your wants and needs will be placed on the website and emailed to all members of TCA.

....you can receive other clubs' newsletters? Yes! Just email your desire to receive to [tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com](mailto:tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com) and you will be placed on the email list to receive the newsletters that we receive.

....you can submit articles for publication in the *Corvairsation*? Yes! If you would like to compose an nice article, tech tip, or have photos of Corvair interest, you can submit them to [tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com](mailto:tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com) for consideration. Even if you have an idea for an article, let us know.

....that if your article is published in the *Corvairsation* that you will receive a \$100 check from TCA? NO, of course not! Don't be silly. You should do it because you love Corvairs.

## February Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting held February 24, 2016 at the Pizza Hut, 2942 N Campbell, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. In attendance were Allen Elvick, Bob & Carol Traylor, Bill Maynard and Aileen, Mike Lake, Sam Pernu, Jan Lake, Mike Strong, Don Robinson, Ron Bloom, Frank Trejo, and new members, Bill Salla who doesn't own a Corvair but has interest in Corvairs and is looking to get one, Jim Wright who was member of TCA 20 years ago, Barry James (Jim's Grandson) and is looking for a Rampside, and Dean Hawley who bought a Corsa from Ron and Mike and is currently having it worked on.

**Old Business:** Kudos to Bob Moulton for coordinating the Trolley tour. No one from TCA attended either the Caliente Clowns Car Show in Florence or the Tubac car show.

**New Business:** Madera Canyon picnic on March 19. Meet at the Home Depot on I-19 and Irvington and depart at 9am. The Club will provide carne asada on the grill. Please call Bill Maynard, Sam Pernu, Mike Lake or Frank Trejo to RSVP and for side dish information.

Chevy Showdown on April 30 at 9am. We will sponsor a class and we will also have a club pick this year. We will be providing assistance with four judges: Mike Lake and Frank Trejo but we need two more. Parking assistance will be Sam Pernu, Mike Lake and Bill Maynard.

A reminder that dues are Due!

The meeting place tonight was well attended. A vote was taken to meet at Pizza Hut on Campbell and Ft. Lowell or at Golden Corral on 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pizza Hut won 10-2. Next meeting will take place at Pizza Hut. A recommendations was given to order your food as you come in and then go to meeting room.

Mike Lake tearfully turned over the regime to the New Officers:

Bill Maynard - President  
Sam Pernu - Vice President  
Allen Elvick - Treasurer  
Ron Bloom - Membership Chairman  
Frank Trejo - Recording Secretary  
Mike Lake - Board Member at Large  
Don Robinson - Merchandise Chairman

Everyone was reminded of the Club project car, a 1964 coupe, which is about to get under way. Anyone is welcome to help by putting in some time. Coordinate with Bill Maynard.

The 2016 GWFBT&SM will be held at the end of October and CORSA 2017 Convention in July. Reminders were given so planning can be started to attend.

Allen gave report treasury is at \$1877.17. An anonymous donation of \$150 by person with initials ML was accepted.

The first "Dollar per Toss" was started in lieu of gift raffles. Fan belt toss games was built by Bill Maynard were used. The winner Bob Traylor took 50% of the pot and the other 50% stayed with the club.

**Tech session:** Bill recently had a 62 Coupe 4-speed that was not going into reverse. He found a normally pressed in pin that had fallen out from one of the internal shaft not allowing reverse to be engaged. Never seen before by him. Also the cover was very cracked and had allowed water and gunk to accumulate.

## President's Message

It is great to be back in the saddle again. Last year was a good year, but plans are to make this year even better! The Last Chance Garage is going strong. Stop by on Saturday or Sunday and say "hi".

Work has started on the '64 club car. We need volunteers, so please step up. This whole project is for the benefit of the club.

Don't forget the Madera Canyon outing on Saturday, March 19th. We will be meeting up at the Home Depot parking lot at I-10 and Irvington. We roll at 9:00 am sharp, so don't be late.

See ya there!

*Dr. Maynard*



***My keys....I can't find my keys!***

## Meeting Minutes (continued)

Mike Lake-had a Clark's oil filter that leaked like a faucet. Don had been having starter staying engaged and, sure enough, he was unable to get home later that evening and had to be towed.

Meeting adjourned.

*Submitted by Frank Trejo*



# Thanks for your Service

Our history began in 1975 when the Tucson Corvair Association was born. A bit of our history is lost since records were either not kept or have been lost in the shuffle. We have a pretty good record back to 1984 or so of those who has served as officers in TCA. While not one-hundred percent accurate, it gives an good idea of the dedication that has taken place over the years.

Let's take a look at those who have served us the most. Let's look at everyone who is a current member of the Club and has served more than one year in a position of responsibility. We'll take them in alphabetical order.

**Lynn Bloom** served as *Corvairsation* editor from 1992 to 1997, as Recording Secretary in 2012, and as Vice President in 2013. A total of 8 years of service.

**Ron Bloom** served as Vice President in 1992, President in 2011, and membership Chairman from 2012 to the present. A total of 7 years of service.

**Barry Cunningham** served as Board Member-at-Large in 1991 and 1992, 2003 and 2003, and 2006, Vice President in 1999, 2004 and 2005, and as President in 2001 and 2002, Membership Chairman from 2007 to 2009, and Treasurer from 2007 to 2011. A total of 19 years.

**Chris Cunningham** served as Vice President in 2001, President in 2002 and 2003, and *Corvairsation* Editor from 2004 to 2008. A total of 8 years plus several years as Assistant Editor.

**Allen Elvick** served as a Board Member-at-Large in 1994, Treasurer from 1995 to 2006 and again from 2012 to present, and Membership Chairman from 2004 to 2006 and 2010 and 2011. A total of 18 years of service thus far.

**Mike Lake**, a relatively new member of TCA, 2013 to 2015 and is service currently as Board Member-at-Large. A total of 4 years so far.

**Dave Lynch** served as a Board Member-at-Large in 2004 and 2005 and was President in 2007. Three years total.

**Bill Maynard** served as President from 2004 to 2006, Vice president in 2009, and now again as President in 2016. A total of 5 years of service and holds the coveted honor of being President more times than anyone in the history of the Club.

**Sam Pernu**, another relatively new member and one of the youngest in the Club, served as Vice President on 2014 and 2015 and will serve again this year as VP. Total of 3 years of service so far.



**Van Pershing** served as President in 1983, *Corvairsation* Editor from 1984 to 1991 and again from 2009 to present, Recording Secretary in 2014 and Webmaster from 2006 to present. A total of 18 years of service.

**Don Robinson** served as President in 1986 and was the *Corvairsation* Editor from 1998 to 2002. No records were kept on Merchandise Chairman, but Don has been service in that role since the 1980s with only a break once in a while. Estimated service somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 years.

**Frank Trejo**, one of the newer members of the Club, served as Recording Secretary in 2015 and will continue on for 2016.

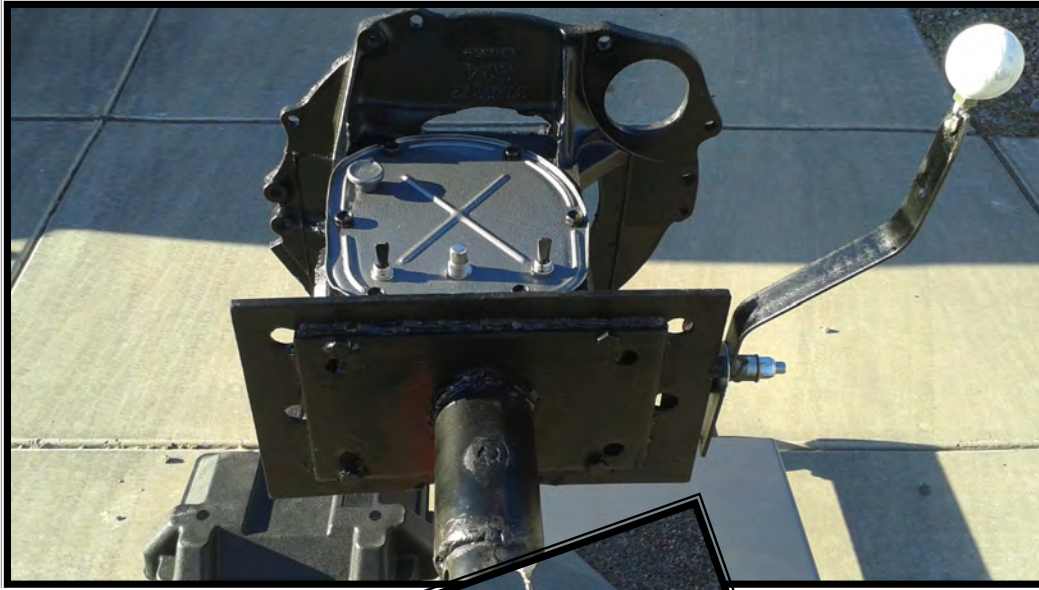
A great deal is owed to this group of members who have kept the Tucson Corvair Association alive these passed years.

*Editor*



*One day fellow Corvair enthusiast, Matt Nall, had way too much time on his hand and spent a little too much time playing with Photo Shop.*

# The Coolest Corvair Engine Stand Ever!



Having an engine stand built especially for the Corvair engine is a tremendous asset to any Corvair buff. This one wasn't built for the person looking for a convenient way to assemble an engine but as a test stand for starting, running and tuning.

A used engine stand was purchased at a swap meet as the start for the project. This one has a wide base which gives plenty of stability. A differential shell and an electric fuel pump were donated by one member and another member donated a 5 gallon stainless steel fuel tank. Some steel tubing was added for support along with a throttle lever with an adjustable throttle stop so the engine speed could be set for break-ins, and a fire extinguisher.

According to the designer, the stand was built to handle exactly 179 horse-power. He claims any engine exceeding that limit will cause the stand break apart and crash to the floor. The first engine test went very smoothly and the stand worked perfectly. The engine did not fall to the floor indicating that its horse-power was well below the design limits.



*Photography by Mike Lake  
Text by Van Pershing*



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

**MEETING PLACE:**

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.

This newsletter can also be accessed at [www.corvairs.org](http://www.corvairs.org)



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*Bill Maynard's Lakewood and Ron Bloom's Greenbrier were only two of the many wonderful Corvairs that attended the annual All Corvair Show in Chandler, Arizona last October.*