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The cover of this recent issue of Old Cars Weekly News features the timeless Corvair Monza SS. In side was an small article about the show cars that Chevy built in the 60s.

This is a very striking picture of the Monza SS. Some things just never grow old!!



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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 (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 Chair.

CORSA membership dues are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communiqué, a bi-monthly publication. CORSA membership 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 2018 Events at a Glance

Jul 25 Wed

Regular Monthly Meeting. Parking Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Come a little early if you're going to have dinner. Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd St, Tucson, Arizona (near Columbus).

Meeting will include a presentation on Corvair carburetors.

Oct 26-28

Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet. Sunrise Park, Palm Spring, California

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Come to the July TCA Meeting!!

“Carburetors and what make them tick”



There will an in-depth presentation of the different features of the Corvair “HV” carburetor along with rebuilding tips.

July 25 at 7pm

Golden Corral

4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson

June Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association held June 27, 2018 at Golden Corral, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Mike Lake. In attendance were Mike Lake, Ron Bloom, Van Pershing, Allen Elvick and Doug Scott.

Old items: The Little Anthony's Car Show activity was cancelled due to rain. Jack Monahan, newsletter editor of the Classic Chevy Club, passed away recently and his wife requested old Chevys attend his memorial services. In all some 20 cars were there including two Corvairs.

Planning for upcoming events: Plans are in place for the making a trip to Palm Springs for the Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet which will be held on October 26 thru 28. There will be two swap meet booths set up by TCA members. The speaker at this years convention dinner will be the current CORSA president, Mike Hall.

Doug Scott showed off his new endoscope and explained how he is using it to inspect the inside of cylinders without engine disassembly. He purchased this particular unit on EBay for \$18.

Treasurer's Report: Allen Elvick reported that the opening balance for May in Club's account was \$2,276.71 and a closing balance at the end of the month of \$2,295.71.

Merchandise Chair, Doug Scott reported that there are several TCA t-shirts remaining in inventory and there are still plenty of Corvair oil filters in stock.

Minutes from last meeting we approved.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the results of the recent Club survey and what plans are in the works

to enact some changes that will hopefully improve our meeting attendance and make TCA a more enjoyable club. See more details below in "Big changes coming to TCA" report. We will do our best to make the necessary changes and re-evaluate at the end of the year.

Submitted by Van Pershing

President's Message

I would like to personally thank each one of you who took the time to submit the survey. There were many great ideas, concerns and opinions that we have taken to heart. We will be shaking things up starting with the next meeting. Tech sessions will be part of every meeting going forward. If there is something you would like to see, please let us know and we will do our best to get it done. Stay tune to the web site and news letter as tech sessions will be announced in advance. We do have a very special event planned for your entertainment, Ron has graciously donated the Purple Rain to show what happens to a Corvair when you place an M80 firecracker in the gas tank and light it. Free hot dogs and toasted marshmallows will be available for snacking!



Mike

Big changes coming to TCA

Recently the Board Directors of the Tucson Corvair Association emailed a survey questionnaire to all current members and past members for whom there were email addresses. In all there were about 80 survey forms sent out. The purpose of the survey was to try to determine what could be done to improve meetings and activities and make the club more desirable. A total of 8 survey forms were returned all of which had great suggestions and ideas! We appreciate those who were able to participate.

There were no striking conclusions that could be drawn from the responses except that our meetings are in need of drastic improvement and our monthly activities also need improvement.

To that end, the Board has decided that from this time forward the meetings will be more organized with less administra-

tive content and much more in the way of technical items. There will be a technical and/or Corvair-related presentation at every meeting starting with the July meeting. There will be months when the technical presentation will not be held at our usual meeting place for logistical reasons, so the meetings for those months will be held at a person's home, shop or business. All presentations will be planned well in advance and publicized and members will be advised ahead of time what the content of the meeting will be. So, check your email, the *Corvairsation*, and the website (corvairs.org) for information on the upcoming meetings.

Because of summer vacations and the hot weather there will be no organized activities during the summer months. During the rest of the year the activi-

ties will be publicized in advance. Some activities may be in conjunction with other clubs, such as the Cactus Corvair Club or the Classic Chevy Club of Tucson. Other activities maybe short cruises for breakfast, evening cruise-ins to a local drive-in, or jaunts to places like Tombstone or Bisbee, etc.

The goal is to increase interest in the Tucson Corvair Association and make it enjoyable for all members. The plan is to implement these changes and make another evaluation at the end of the year at which time other options may need to be considered.

We invite all to come and judge for yourself and enjoy your relationship with the Corvair automobile and like-minded Corvair enthusiasts.

Window/Door Handle Spline Repair

Van Pershing

The aft side door on the old Greenbrier had for years been opened from the inside with a pair of Vice-Grips because the splines had been slowly worn away and a regular door handle would no longer do the job. Although the Vise-Grips were completely functional and did the job exceeding well, a vote was taken and, you guessed it, the Vise-Grips had to go.

This particular latch assembly is rather difficult, if not impossible, to find in good condition. A window regulator for a front door was located and used for the donor spline. As a side note, splines on the Chevy pickups from '60-'66 are the same.

The worn spline was cut off the door latch and the "new" spline was cut off the window regulator. The cut was made on both pieces right at the step since the splines are the same length from that point out. It is much easier to clamp in place if the cut surfaces on the spline and the door handle shaft are flat.

Next the good spline was beveled so there would be more surface for the weld to hold.

The new spline was then clamped to the door latch and welded in place. Since there was plenty of room for the door handle to go on all the way on without interfering the weld, there was no need to clean up the bumps of the weld.



The old spline was removed from the door latch assembly with a hack saw (left) as well as the new spline from the window regulator (below).



The new spline was beveled for better weld contact.



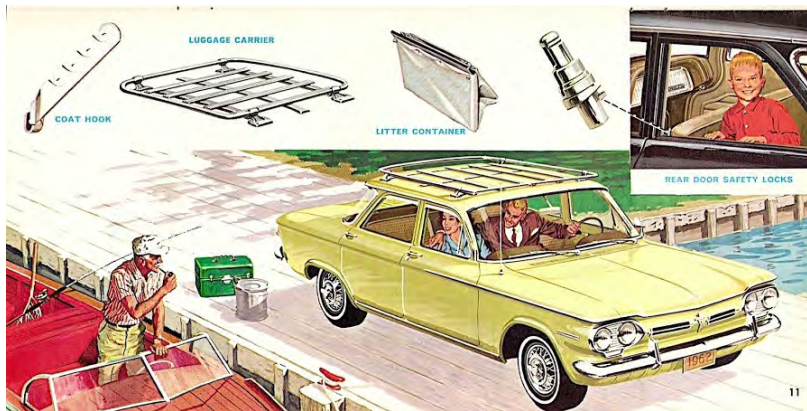
Both splines were cut off at the step since from the step out they were the same length



The new spline was clamped in place (left) and welded (above). Even though the weld is a bit large, there was no need to file it down since there was still plenty of clearance for the door handle to slid all the way on.



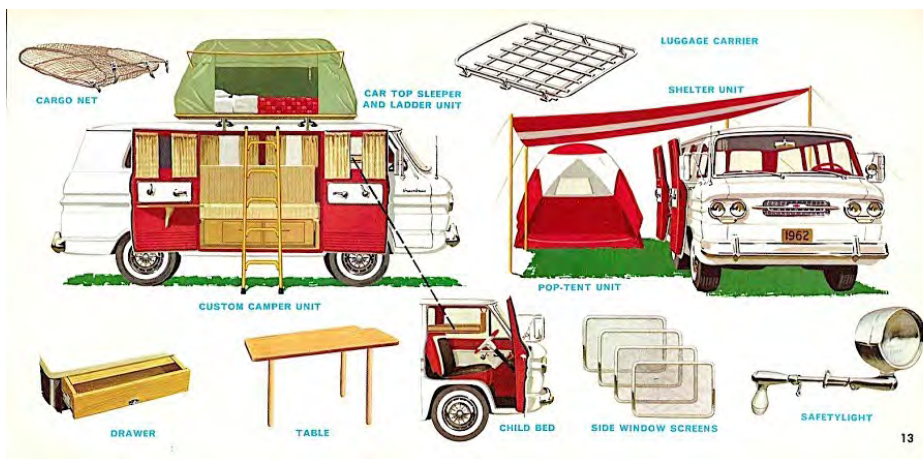
Optional Luggage Racks



The roof rack shown in the '62 sales brochure (above) was available on both the four-door and the wagon (above right).



Many have added after-market luggage racks to their cars. Above right is an example of a rack mounted on an early coupe and another, shown above, on a late model coupe.



This Greenbrier accessories brochure shows the optional luggage rack that was available.



In the late 60s and early 70s Chevrolet offered luggage racks for several models including the Vega Kammbach (left) and the Chevy II station wagon. These racks work very nicely on the Corvair 95s (right).



Don't miss the carburetor presentation at the July 25th meeting.

Coming at the August meeting will be a display along with some interesting information on some intake manifolds for fuel injection that were made by the Chevrolet Model Shop back in the 60s.

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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:

Golden Corral
4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson

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