

## The 2nd Annual Arizona Corvair Challenge is history

The Tucson Corvair Association risked life and limb to bring home the Arizona Corvair Challenge trophy at the 2nd annual Challenge held at the Pinal County Fairgrounds on February 26, 2023. At the then end of the day the competition between the TCA and the Cactus Club ended in a dead even tie. A coin flip decided the winner. The coin went up and the coin came down.....the Cactus Club drove off in the sunset with trophy in hand.





**TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION**  
Established 1975

# TCA 2023 Events at a Glance

The **Corvairsation** is a quarterly 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 \$25 per year for individuals. 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 or email changes to [tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com](mailto:tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com)

**CORSA membership dues** are \$45 per year (\$90 for 26 months) and include a subscription to the CORSA Communiqué, a monthly publication. Rates are \$37 per year and \$74 for 26 months for a "virtual" membership. 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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**4th Thur of each month**

**Monthly Meetings:** 7:00pm, Franklin Auto Museum, 1405 E Kleindale Tucson, Arizona

**NEW MEETING PLACE FOR MARCH:** Barnfire Mesquite Grill, 8310 N Thornydale

**Sat, April 1, 2023**

**Chevy Showdown,** 9a –3p. Desert Diamond Casino, Pima Mine Road, Sahuarita, Arizona.

**Sat, April 29, 2023**

**Marana High School Auto Club Car Show,** 8a-12p, Kohl's west parking lot, 5850 W Arizona Pavilions Dr, Marana, Arizona

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## Corvair Art

By Quaid Comaduran



## Road race inspired '65 Corsa V8

Lonnie Gilberson owns a hotrod shop in Milwaukie, Oregon called Lonnie's Place. Inspired by the Yenko Stinger he wanted to build a road race inspired car so he started with a '65 Corsa and ended up with this beauty.

It sports an LS3 from a '09 Corvette cammed up to about 500hp with a transmission from a 930-generation 911 Turbo Porsche.

Check out his website through this link: [Lonnie's Place](#).



# Bill Maynard

After a long bout with cancer, Bill Maynard left us for a better life on February 13, 2023.

Bill was an avid Corvair enthusiast. Many Club members and many were not in the Club were enormous fans of Bill and his expertise in the Corvair automobile. He was always willing and very able to help those in need of Corvair assistance. And was a teacher and mentor to many.

Bill became involved with the Franklin Museum at the age of 11. His family was good friends with Tom Hubbard, the museum's founder. He turned many a wrench and gave many tours at the museum. Even though his sight was almost gone he jumped and was able to repair and maintain the Museum automobiles as well as continuing to be an active Corvair mechanic.

He was a good friend to all and will be mightily missed by all who knew him.



*Bill at the 2008 National CORSA Convention held in Ventura, California. On the right, Bill is mentally preparing for the autocross event at the Convention.*

## More from the 2023 Arizona Corvair Challenge



# Greenbrier, Econoline and VW bus

## A comparison from a 1961 *Car Life* magazine

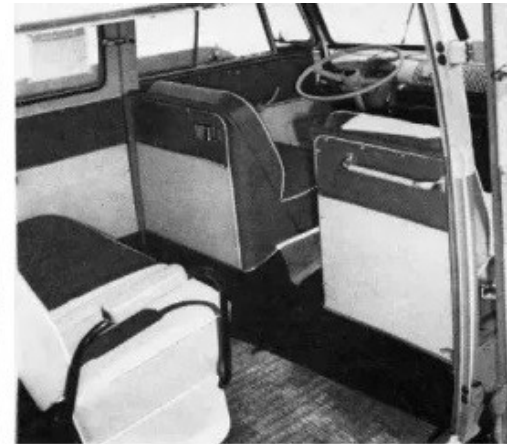
Just a few pictures to highlight the article



Ford, with front engine, is easiest to load from rear. Greenbrier and VW have step-ups over the engine.

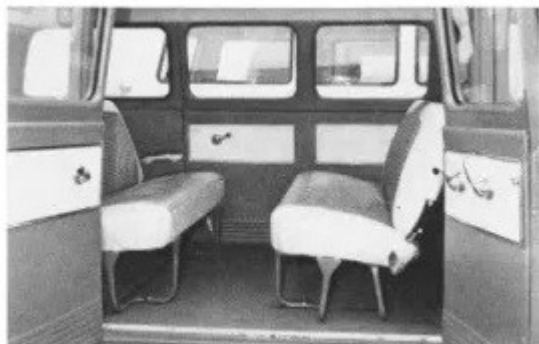


Ford's interior and ultra-tall windshield is not for people with acrophobia. Note safety wheel, exposed heater.



The *New Yorker* magazine once advocated the use of VW buses as taxicabs, due to their ease of entry.

If these buses had wrap-around windows, nobody could get in. Corvair's cab was among the most attractive.



Mrs. Smith faces Mrs. Jones in the back of the Greenbrier.



"... and leave the driving to us." Interior of Econoline.

SPECIFICATIONS	CORVAIR	FORD	VW
List price	\$2651	\$2188	\$2245
Price, as tested	2130	2574	2674
Curb weight, lb	3040	2870	2310
Test weight	3560	3230	2650
distribution, %	45.7/54.3	52/48	46.8/53.2
Tire size	7.00-14	7.00-13	6.40-15
Tire capacity, lb	4025	3880	3300
Brake lining area	168	144.4	144.4
Engine type	flat-6, ohv	6 cyl, ohv	flat-4, ohv
Bore & stroke	3.438 x 2.6	3.5 x 2.5	3.03 x 2.52
Displacement, cc	2377	2366	1192
cu in.	145	144.3	72.7
Compression ratio	8.0	8.7	7.00
Bhp @ rpm	80 @ 4400	85 @ 4200	40 @ 3900
equivalent mph	85.4	76.4	59.9
Torque, lb-ft.	128 @ 2300	134 @ 2000	64 @ 2400
equivalent mph	44.6	36.4	36.9

### GEAR RATIOS

4th, overall			5.13
3rd, overall	(2nd) 3.89	4.00	7.62
2nd, overall	(1st) 7.08	7.89	11.9
1st, overall	(1st) 18.4	13.6	21.9

### DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase, in.	95.0	90.0	94.5
Tread, f and r	58.0/58.0	60.0/60.0	53.9/53.5
Over-all length, in.	179.7	168.4	168.5
width	70.0	74.0	68.9
height	68.5	74.5	76.4
equivalent vol, cu ft.	499	568	514
Frontal area, sq ft.	30.0	36.5	32.0
Ground clearance, in.	6.6	7.4	9.4
Steering ratio, o/a.	23.0	20.0	n.a.
turns, lock to lock	5.0	4.7	2.7
turning circle, ft.	39.3	39.0	39.0
Hip room front	61.4	45.2	55.9
middle	59.6	56.0	61.0
rear	61.6	56.0	61.0
Pedal to seat back	38.5	37.5	33.0
Floor to ground	20.5	22.0	19.6

### CARGO DIMENSIONS

With Back Seats Removed

	length	width	height
Greenbrier	115.5 in.	61.8 in.	53.8 in.
Econoline	84.9	65.0	52.3
Volkswagen	106.7	62.4	55.6

### Rear Compartment Only

Greenbrier	44.9	44.3	39.7
Econoline	25.0	48.3	52.3
Volkswagen	27.6	57.1	31.5

### Side Opening

Greenbrier		53.5	49.0
Econoline		49.4	47.8
Volkswagen		46.1	47.2

### Rear Opening

Greenbrier		44.6	36.0
Econoline		49.4	47.8
Volkswagen		35.4	28.7

PERFORMANCE	CORVAIR	FORD	VW
Top speed (est), mph	70.0	75.0	60.0
best timed run	66.6	72.0	59.0
3rd (mph @ rpm)			46 @ 4450
2nd (mph @ rpm)		46 @ 5000	29 @ 4400
1st (mph @ rpm)	48 @ 4500	24 @ 4500	16 @ 4450

### FUEL CONSUMPTION

Normal range, mpg	15/19		16/22
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### ACCELERATION

0-30 mph, sec.	7.6	6.5	8.3
0-40	11.9	9.8	14.1
0-50	19.6	16.2	26.8
0-60	32.2	25.8	
0-70		51.0	
0-80			
0-100			
Standing 1/4 mile	25.0	23.3	25.6
speed at end	55.0	58.0	49.0

### PULLING POWER

4th, lb/ton @ mph			80 @ 32
3rd	2nd 130 @ 42	165 @ 28	150 @ 27
2nd	1st 385 @ 15	350 @ 26	265 @ 21
Total drag at 60 mph, lb	135	185	n.a.

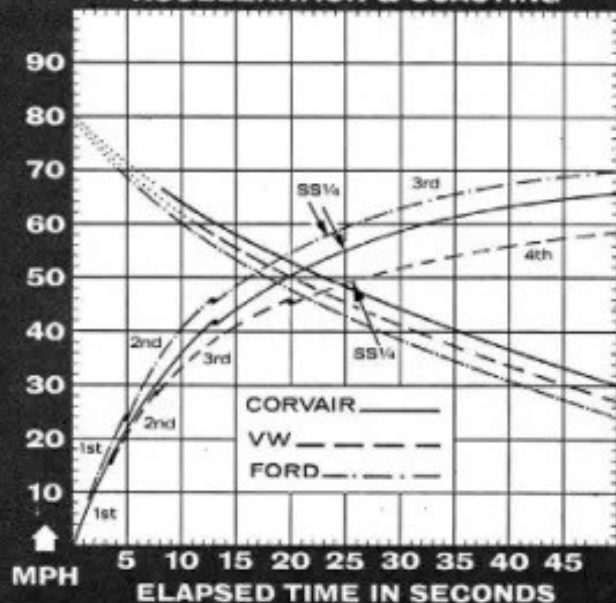
### SPEEDOMETER ERROR

30 mph, actual	27.0	28.8	29.5
60 mph	55.0	57.7	57.8
90 mph			

### CALCULATED DATA

Lb/hp (test wt)	44.5	38.0	66.3
Cu ft/ton mile	76.7	90.5	62.2
Mph/1000 rpm	19.4	18.2	15.4
Engine revs/mile	3095	3300	3910
Piston travel, ft/mile	1340	1375	1640
Car Life wear index	41.4	45.4	64.2

### ACCELERATION & COASTING



# OUR 50TH ANNIV -2023

Thanks to the support of 1,000's of Corvair owners over the last 50 years we continue to grow and reproduce more parts every year. We respect your trust and always put our customers first. We would also like to thank our 24 employees, 10 have been with us over 20 years and some as long as 46! Have a great year and enjoy our monthly sales and specials all year-Joan & Cal Clark

**SPECIAL SALES EVERY MONTH-** each month we'll send an email (if you have signed up) and also list in a special sale section on our Home page [www.corvair.com](http://www.corvair.com)

**FREE 50th MEMENTO gifts with your first order in 2023**

**FREE CATALOG WITH AN ORDER-** if you have not received a free 2019-2025 catalog yet, just ask for one.

**LIST YOUR CORVAIR FOR SALE- NO CHARGE-** sell your Corvair or a spare you just don't have time for! For all of 2023 we will list it on our website at **NO CHARGE-** check the website for details (Corvairs For Sale)

**CLARK CAR SHOW & PARTS SALES-** See our 2023 supplement or website for more details. We expect around 130 cars, and will offer tours of our buildings including the Upholstery Dept. Cal will be giving an old fashion "slide show" showing the building of our complex and history. Parts on sale! **SEPT 16, 2023 -rain or shine**

**2023 SUPPLEMENT-** On our website or as a hard copy -many new repros & updates.

**INTERNATIONAL CORSA CONVENTION-Wisconsin-** We will be there Tues, Wed & Thurs with lots of recent repros on display. Stop by and say hello. Convention dates June 19- June 24

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