

## Here's Why The Chevrolet Corvair Is The Best Cheap Classic Car Right Now

by Thomas Hundal

While Chevrolet made all manner of Corvairs, let's jump right into the performance trims. While outstanding examples fetch decent money, the Corvair isn't a car you buy to show off. It's a car you buy to drive, and even on Bring A Trailer, driver-condition hot Corvairs are still sensible money.

This 1963 four-speed Monza Spyder cabriolet certainly isn't perfect, although it does meet the definition of Michigan mint. There's some surface corrosion on the underbody and some rust around the rear wheel arches, but nothing egregious. The paint is in a condition best described as well-loved, and the fuel gauge didn't work at the time of the auction. The grand total for this summer cruiser? A mere \$8,000 on Bring A Trailer in mid-2023. Yep, that's not bad.



Alright, but what about the sleek second-generation car? Well, here's one that came up on Bring A Trailer in late 2023, and it's a desirable Corsa turbo four-speed manual coupe. Being a southwestern car, it's pretty free of corrosion, although it does have a few dings and other cosmetic imperfections. The seller did note that the odometer wasn't function and the steering was a bit tired, but this is a nearly 60-year-old car, and would you really trust a five-digit odometer anyway?



Even though this is the bee's knees as far as hot, standard production Corvairs go, this white shark only fetched \$10,000 on Bring A Trailer. That's ten grand for some of the eccentricities of an air-cooled Porsche 911. If that isn't solid value, I don't know what is.

If you're willing to put up with a more patinated vehicle, you can hop on Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace and find hot Corvairs for as little as \$5,000. Here's a primer-sprayed Corsa cabriolet on a lively set of aftermarket wheels for \$5,200 in the San Fernando Valley. That's project MG B GT money for a flat-six drop top. Who could argue with that? Sure, it isn't the coveted turbocharged model, but the 140-horsepower Corsa isn't that much slower than a turbo car.



Everyone loves a good redemption arc, and the Chevrolet Corvair is primed for one. In 2023, the Corvair's handling is a non-issue. Actually, it's better than a non-issue, as it's downright joyous. Controllable, progressive oversteer with classic looks, solid performance, and a reasonable price tag? That's hard to ignore. Don't sleep on the Chevrolet Corvair, for it might just be the budget-oriented driver's car you've been craving.

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**3rd Sat of each month**

**Monthly Meetings:** 9:00am, Old Times Kafe, 1485 W Prince Rd, Tucson, Arizona

**Sat, April 6, 2024**

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

**May 17-19, 2024**

Corvairs of New Mexico is hosting its 39th **TriState Corvairs Meet** in Las Vegas, NM. The host hotel is the Castenada Hotel, an historic Harvey House Hotel. Please see the Tri-State Corvairs 2024 Meet ([tristatecorvairs.com](http://tristatecorvairs.com)) website for registration and additional information.

**Sun, May 24, 2024**

**3rd Annual Arizona Corvair Challenge,** Pinal County Fair Grounds.



# A Turbo Corsa Convertible Gift!!

*Van Pershing*

Several years ago we put together a '65 Turbo Corsa convertible for my daughter and her family where it now resides at their home in Gilbert. Our granddaughter, Amelia, painted a beautiful rendition of the car and presented to me as a Christmas gift.

What a great gift!!



Guess what was the lead vehicle for the VVA Tucson Chapter 106 in this years Veterans Day parade in Tucson!



A quick note  
from Bill Leslie.

A \$125,000 Corvair.  
Snapped at Elkhart  
Lake this past August.  
Front engine LS and  
totally reworked Indy  
car suspension.  
Interior was perfect.



# Corvair Campers



# The Dream: 1970 Corvair

Imagine a world where the Corvair never went away!

