

How did bucket seats become so popular?

The Chevrolet Corvair Monza, introduced in 1960, was a key car that helped popularize bucket seats in the US by offering them as standard equipment in a sporty, affordable model. Prior to the Corvair Monza, bucket seats were largely found in European sports cars and some high-end American models.

The Corvair Monza's success with bucket seats paved the way for other manufacturers to include them in more mainstream vehicles. The popularity of front bucket seats began with sporty compact cars, pioneered by General Motors in 1960, with production of the **Chevrolet Corvair 900 series Monza Club Coupe** with standard front bucket seats.



1960



1967



1963



TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

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TCA 2025/26 Events at a Glance

3rd Sat of
each month

Monthly Meetings: 9:00am, Rudy's BBQ, 2130 E Ajo Way, Tucson, Arizona

October 24-
26, 2025

Great Western Fan Belt Toss & Swap Meet. DoubleTree by Hilton Golf Resort Palm Springs
67967 Vista Chino, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Sat, April 6,
2026

Chevy Showdown, Desert Diamond Casino, Sahuarita, Arizona

June 22-26,
2026

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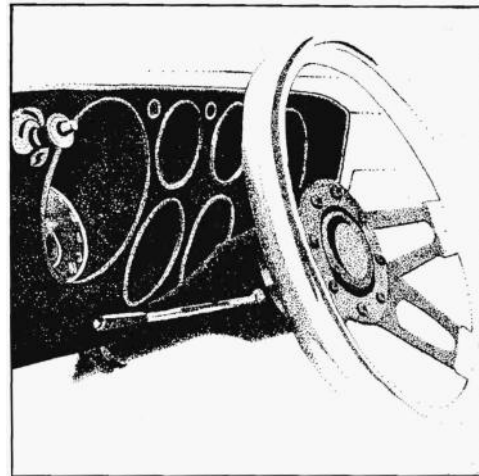


NOTE!!

President Travis will be asking each of us to submit a personal Corvair profile along with some pictures that can be published in the *Corvairsation*.

It doesn't need to be fancy – something simple is fine. Send your profile to tucsoncorvairs@yahoo.com

See an example of what might work as a profile on page 4.



***What if you
crossed
Greenbrier
with a VW
bus?***



Club Member Profile: *Ed Gold*

I first rode in a Corvair when I was a senior in High School. My good friend, John, had a used one, and we used to tool around in it. I remember that he could start it without a key in the ignition. I don't know what year the 'Vair was. I remember my mother was very worried whenever I would ride in it, due to the "Unsafe" reputation.

I didn't think much about Corvairs until I retired at the end of 2021. In February, 2022, my son, who lives in Tucson, told me about a 1960 Corvair for sale, that was in pretty good shape, but needed some work. "It would be a great father-son project," he said. So I bought it and had it towed to our house, since it was not running.





Ran when parked



The 1957 Corvair

According to Hagerty News

7 Great Chevys that cost about the same as new Corvette

1. 1957 Bel Air Nomad: \$57k—\$63k
2. 1958 Bel Air Impala Sport Coupe: \$43k—\$68k
3. 1959-60 El Camino: \$39k—\$60
4. 1961-64 Impala SS Sport Coupe: \$43k—\$67k
5. 1966-68 Corvair Yenko Stinger: \$65k
6. 1969 Nova SS (396) : \$62k
7. 1970 Chevelle SS 396: \$38k—\$66k

