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Merry Christmas - everybody!



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Tucson Corvair Association is a chartered chapter of CORSA, Corvair Society of America. The Association holds regular meetings monthly on the 4th Wednesday, and has additional social or Corvair related activities each month.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF THIS ASSOCIATION are \$8.00, and on initial joining, there is an additional fee of \$2.50. CORSA membership is \$12 per year, and members belonging to a local chapter are awarded two extra months' membership. CORSA membership or renewal is accomplished directly between individuals and CORSA, Inc.

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Membership in our Club has almost doubled in 1977. This is good. BUT, the planning of our activities, rallies, the newsgathering and publishing of our monthly CORVAIRSATION--all the work associated with keeping our Club going--is still being done by the faithful few. This is bad.

We need your creativity, your enthusiasm, your fresh, new ideas! Got a brainstorm for an interesting program? Destination for a Rally? Or some tech tips to pass on through the monthly paper? Interested in newsgathering, reporting, or just being a club booster--the kind we can call on for sundry help? Come out of the woodwork, would you....for just the words "What can I do to help?" are music to our ears.

Holiday Good Wishes to all!

--GORDON

NEWS OF NOTE: Our latest family member, and without challenge our youngest--JARED KENNETH LEE ROYER, born 29 November to Jeanne and Ace Royer. Weight, 7.2 lbs, 20" long. CONGRATULATIONS!

A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS--

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The 1977 edition of the WHEELARAMA CAR SHOW held over the Thanksgiving weekend was a winner for the Tucson Corvair Association. The show, sponsored by the Tucson Timing Assn, was by all standards well organized and executed.

As in all shows, cars are placed in classes for judging purposes. Our Corvairs were classed as "special interest" vehicles.

The competition was awesome. The three club-entered Corvairs were up against two T-Bird Club cars, an individually entered mid-60's Continental 4 dr. convertible, and a solo entry, a '63 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Our entries consisted of Bryan Lynch's '69 "140" Monza, Chuck Pettis' 1960 Monza, and John North's '61 Lakewood Wagon.

When the dust settled after three very close inspections, Chuck Pettis walked off with 2nd place in Special Interest. A very good showing against cars that cost from two to five times as much as the Corvair! The Grand

Prix was a first place winner. It was a well executed restoration which had not been exposed to the elements since completion. Third place went to one of the T-Birds.

Incidentally, the T-Birds were sponsored by a local dealership, and it showed in the well done display. Redwood bark chips, fence rails, special lighting and a mannequin in one of the vehicles added a showroom touch.

We have the scoring sheets, which can be a guide to future participation. At least, it will give you some idea of what the judges look for.

While it is not possible at this writing to name all those who helped to man the display, a special thanks goes out to all who did, and to those who provided transportation to those in need. Also, a special thanks to John DeLauro of D-Signs for art work, Frank McKenna for production figure layout, Valencia Road K-Mart for our carpet tire patches, and Pat Bender for the easel--which is now club property.

--JOHN NORTH

EDITOR'S NOTE -- Understandably, John didn't mention the time he spent putting Chuck Pettis' engine compartment in concours condition---surely a contributing factor--and it paid off in the judging--for Chuck. There just wasn't time to detail two, and though John's beautiful '61 LAKEWOOD didn't win a prize, we cite him as THE SPORTSMAN OF THE MONTH.

TECH TIPS

FROM TIME TO TIME, it's advantageous to know what the engine you're working on was when Chevy made it.

ERIC BENDER found this info in chart form in a book in the library, and your



editor remembered it was in an earlier CORSA Quarterly, Vol. 4., No. 3. Last month we gave you early models '60-'64; this month, '65-'69. Thanks, Eric. Keep up the good work.

ENGINE SERIES NUMBER AND SUFFIX CHART

1965

CORVAIR

"164"—6 CYLINDER

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| Manual Trans. | RA | Powerglide and Spec. High Performance | RN |
| Manual Trans. | RB | Turbocharger | RL |
| High Performance | RD | Manual Trans. | RS |
| Manual Trans. and Air Cond. | RE | Manual trans. and High Performance | RU |
| High Performance and Air Cond. | RF | Powerglide | RV |
| Powerglide | RG | Powerglide and High Performance | RX |
| Powerglide and High Performance | RH | Manual Trans. R-10, F.C. | RS |
| Powerglide and Air Cond. | RJ | Manual Trans. and High Performance R-10, F.C. | RU |
| Powerglide, High Performance and Air Cond. | RK | Powerglide R-10, F.C. | RV |
| Manual Trans. and Spec. High Performance | RM | Powerglide and High Performance R-10, F.C. | RX |

1966

CORVAIR

"164"—6 CYLINDER

| Description | Type Designation | Description | Type Designation |
|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| Manual Trans. | RA | Spec. High Performance and A.I.R. | RQ |
| Manual Trans. | RB | Powerglide | RG |
| Turbocharger | RL | High Performance and Powerglide | RH |
| Spec. High Performance | RM | Spec. High Performance and Powerglide | RN |
| Air Cond. | RE | Powerglide and Air Cond. | RJ |
| Spec. High Performance and Air Cond. | RZ | High Performance, Powerglide and Air Cond. | RK |
| Air Cond. | RR | Special High Performance, Powerglide and Air Cond. | RY |
| High Performance and Air Cond. | RF | Special High Performance, Powerglide and A.I.R. | RX |
| A.I.R. | RS | Powerglide and A.I.R. | RV |
| A.I.R. | RT | High Performance and A.I.R. | RW |
| High Performance and A.I.R. | RU | | |

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1967
CORVAIR
"164"-6 CYLINDER

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| Manual | RA | High Performance and Powerglide | RH |
| High Performance | RD | Powerglide and Air Cond. | RJ |
| Air Cond | RE | High Performance, Powerglide and Air Cond. | RK |
| High Performance and Air Cond. | RF | Powerglide and A.I.R. | RV |
| A.I.R. | RS | Powerglide, A.I.R. and Air Cond. | QO |
| A.I.R. and Air Cond. | QM | High Performance, Powerglide and A.I.R. | RW |
| High Performance and A.I.R. | RU | High Performance, Powerglide, A.I.R. and | |
| High Performance, A.I.R. and Air Cond. | QS | Air Cond. | QP |
| Powerglide | RG | | |

1968
CORVAIR
"164"-6 CYLINDER

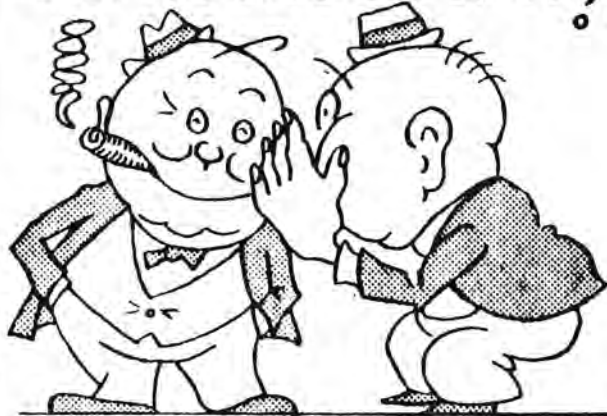
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| Manual Trans. | RS | High Performance and Powerglide | RW |
| High Performance | RU | Special High Performance | RY |
| Powerglide | RV | High Performance and Powerglide | RZ |

1969
CORVAIR
"164"-6 CYLINDER

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|------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|
| Manual Trans. | AC | High Performance Powerglide | AF |
| High Performance | AD | Special High Performance | AG |
| Powerglide | AE | High Performance Powerglide | AH |

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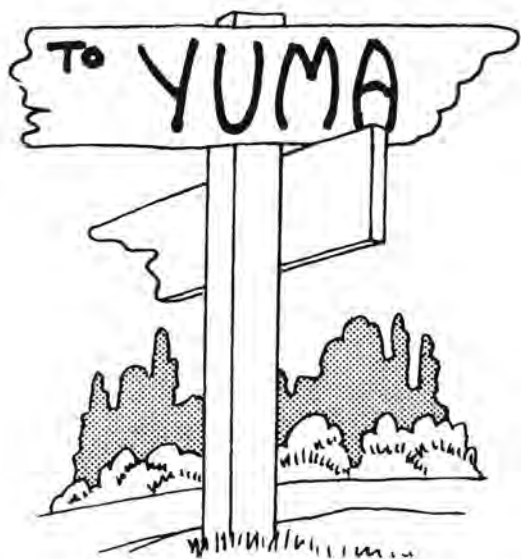
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VAIRY TALES

--By Frank McKenna

YUMA! Ever been to Yuma? My impressions of Yuma have always been associated with characters of the Old West being banished to, or escaping from the Yuma Territorial Prison -- and John Wayne striking off into the sunset in pursuit. Well, Yuma is about 240 miles by Corvair. Not a bad trip if you pick the proper traveling companion. I'm not going to say who made the trip with me, but B.L. and I left Tucson at 3 in the afternoon on Saturday, made a stop for gas at Gila Bend (that's a hard "G" for the tourist) and arrived in Yuma at 7 p.m. We checked at the Marine Air Station where Gordon had made reservations. We then headed for downtown Yuma, and we almost missed it! We stopped at Motel 6 looking for John and Nancy and the group from San Diego. Found a note that directed us to a restaurant where they had decided to eat dinner.

We found a group of friendly faces in the backroom of the restaurant, and were surprised at the number of people that had already arrived. After dinner, everyone stood up and introduced themselves and told what type and model Corvair they were driving. They have a few wild people in the San Diego Club, and if this was a preview of

the National Convention, I recommend making reservations early. The next day's activities were explained, and we decided to meet at Sambo's for Breakfast. We then proceeded back to the motel and started telling lies about Corvairs.

One fellow from the San Diego Club had been waiting in Yuma since the previous Tuesday for the get-together. He and his wife had been up through Colorado looking for Corvairs and parts. He had two Corvairs in tow, and a trailer full of parts. Walt arrived about that time, and his sunroof received a lot of attention. We now had Gordon, Bill Fournier, John and Nancy, Walt, B.L. & myself in Yuma. We were concerned about Jeanie, Ace, Jiggs and Rosemary because we hadn't heard from them. However, we found out the next morning that they had spent the night in Jiggs' Camper.

Sunday found us at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, and the weather was outstanding. Those who had driven down from San Diego started to arrive. About 11:30, the caravan from Phoenix came. We had, in all, about 48 cars in attendance.

The Gymkana was fun, and everyone went thru at least once. It's a test of driving skill against the clock, with several feats of dexterity thrown in for the passenger to perform. Some of the experts from former meets had all kinds of personal systems designed to win, but I think the big equalizer was "Lady Luck".

There were a lot of laughs over the "blind driving" part of the second course. Pylons were set up--the kind you see fore and aft of the Mountain Bell trucks. The idea was for the passenger to give all driving instructions. Why? Because the driver had a shopping bag over his head!

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'VAIRY TALES (cont):

I was the passenger in B.L.'s car for both the Gymkana and the blind course. We had communication problems. Can you imagine creeping along with a sack over your head, with someone telling you to "straighten the wheel"? Where's 'straight'? Needless to say, we didn't win!

Many of those in attendance had wares to sell, and the Swap Meet portion had a little bit of everything.

We started back at 2:30 p.m. and hit the city limits of Tucson before the sun went down. B.L.'s 1969 Monza averaged 21 miles to the gallon, and for a 140 with automatic, that's not too bad.

So that's Yuma, a fun weekend. I'm glad the San Diego Club planned it, and we should do it again sometime.



DINNER FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AT TRIPLE "C" RANCH! Mark your calendars now for JAN. 20, 1978. Cowboys and ranch hands provide the entertainment after a delicious steak dinner served at 7:00 SHARP. Reservations are necessary, and we'll give full particulars in the January CORVAIRSATION. Price for the evening is only \$4.50 (\$2.50 for under 12 yrs) including food and entertainment. Plan now to bring your family and friends for a memorable first 1978 Rally. Want further information? Call Pat Bender, 888-2224.

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CORVAIR ENGINE ANALYSIS AND SWAP MEET coming up. Bring your Corvair to Randolph Park for an analysis of your engine ignition system and carburetors. Adjustments will be made where possible, and info given the owner of more serious problems. Exact time and place will be announced in January CORVAIRSATION.

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(NOTE: Our membership has climbed to 50--but only a few people are doing the planning and running of our club activities. Your officers and directors would like to know your interests--and the type of program or rally event YOU want scheduled).

Corvairing in Hawaii....

How would you like to take a tour around Honolulu in a prize-winning '65 Corsa Convertible? That's what I was treated to when I made a phone call to a member of CORSA listed in the '76 National Membership Roster!

While Verne and I were in Hawaii with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's Thanksgiving Reunion, I took a wild chance and called one of our CORSA members listed in Honolulu--and John B. Thomas, stationed in Hawaii with the U.S. Air Force, spent a day with me talking Corvairs and showing me his cars, and telling about all the nice ones he knew about.

Can you imagine one man who owns three turbo-charged Corvairs and a Corsa Convertible? John has a beautiful '65 Corsa Convertible in concours condition, a '65 turbo coupe, and a '64 Spyder coupe there in Hawaii, and a '63 Spyder coupe stored in North Carolina.

John plans to restore his '65-180 and Spyder to the same standard of excellence as his Corsa, and is collecting the necessary parts for that purpose.

Unlike our Tucson dealers, he gets little or no help from his Chevy dealer, but he has received excellent service from Clark's and American Corvair Parts.

While John was chauffeuring me around showing me Corvairs and other items of interest, I took the time to tell him about the advantages of joining a club on the mainland. He was definitely interested--so we may expect to have a TCA member with a Hawaii address!

NEXT TIME YOU'RE travelling around the country, take a copy of the CORSA membership roster and phone a fellow member. You may even hit the jackpot and meet a man like JOHN THOMAS!

--- Gordon Cauble



TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting *
23 November 1977



1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pat Bender, due to the absence of President Gordon Cauble.
2. The October minutes were read and approved.
3. There were 18 in attendance.
4. John North told about the Yuma trip and activities.
5. Members volunteered for Wheelarama shifts of 3 hours each.
6. The Board of Directors' decision to postpone the December mid-month activity (Triple "C" Chuck Wagon Suppers) until January was related. The February activity will be a car clinic at Randolph Park. Details of the January activity will come in a special flyer.
7. Bill Fournier presented the Treasurer's report. Funds on deposit totaled \$193.96.
8. The secret word -- "meeting" -- won a prize for Bill Fournier.
9. Gertrude King was again the winner of the raffle. Congratulations, Mrs. King!
10. The question was raised whether to have the December meeting on the 21st or 28th, but a motion was made to dispense with the December meeting because of the holidays.
11. Prices for paid advertisements in the CORVAIRSATION were discussed.
12. There was a tech discussion about seat tracks and push rod tubes.
13. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting.

*The above minutes were taken by 14 yr old Eric Bender in the absence of our secretary. We appreciate it, Eric.



- Classified Ads -

FOR SALE --Transaxles. '61-63, '64-65 three and four speed, 3.27 and 3.55. Several to choose from including one Saginaw 3 speed, '66-'69. Diff. housings include some '65 and later. These are as is, as removed from cars with no assurance other than the cars were running at the time. Your inspection is invited. Prices to \$100 each. Call John North, 3002 E 20th, 326-2086.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1978

Fourth Wednesday --
Next monthly meeting

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

CORSA has changed the procedures for joining
or renewing your membership.

Dues for CORSA are paid directly to CORSA in
Sarasota, Florida. Renewal notices and forms are
supposed to be sent to members two months before
expiration.

Tucson Corvair Assn. cannot take your renewal
or membership application.

If you need further info, call Bill Fournier,
790-7801.

