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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. CORSA membership or renewal is accomplished directly between individuals and CORSA, Inc., P.O.Box 5890, Sarasota, FL, 33579. Phone (813) 365-0070.

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February '78--

Alan Atwood
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BILL FOURNIER
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS IN HAWAII:

M/Sgt John & Vickie Thomas
4205 Halupa Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

(John has three turbo cars and a '65 CORSA Convertible. His '65-180 CORSA is being prepared for painting, his '64 Spyder Coupe is being restored, and his '63 Spyder Coupe is stored in North Carolina. His '65 CORSA Convertible, with a silver-grey Imron finish is a prize-winning beauty!)



- F E B R U A R Y R A L L Y -

Picnic, Car Clinic, and Swap Meet

At Pantano Park behind Steele School -- 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 12th. Enter the park from Sarnoff
between Broadway and 22nd St. Road is next to the
swimming pool. Bring a picnic lunch and beverage

Bring your family and friends, and especially your Corvair. After your picnic lunch, we have a team of experienced Corvair experts to inspect your Corvair for optimum engine performance and condition of safety items such as brakes, tires, lights etc.

The team, headed by Pat Hayhurst includes Don Chastain, John North and Frank McKenna, will check the dwell and timing of your engine, and adjust and synchronize your carburetors, if possible, as time allows.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you come with new spark plugs installed and bring a new set of points and condenser, the team will install the new points and set the dwell and timing right in front of your eyes! Owners are welcome to watch the proceedings in order to learn for themselves.

The object of the Car Clinic is to have "experts" check the condition of your car's engine and safety equipment, and give you a written report which you can use for yourself, or for your favorite mechanic. We won't have time or equipment to overhaul your car at the picnic!

Bring along any new or used good parts that you no longer need--maybe someone wants that part just gathering dust at your house!

For further information, call Pat Hayhurst or Gordon Cauble.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE EVENTS TOO GOOD TO MISS

MARCH 31, APRIL 1 & 2:

Corvair Mini-Convention hosted by Cactus
Corvair-Corvette Club PHOENIX

JULY 1978:

CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION (Watch your
Communique for details) SAN DIEGO

(Maj. Ted Lloyd, USAF, left Tucson a while back and is attending the Navy Post Graduate School in Presidio, Monterey, California. We want to share with the Club his interesting letter):

Dear Gordon:

Thank you for your letter of 26 December. I read the TCA CORVAIR-SATION with great interest.

I hope to continue my membership in the TCA, especially since the nearest local club is in San Jose. If possible, I'll try to start a club here in Monterey.

This is a lost gold mine for clean, rust-free Corvairs. Without too much exaggeration, 1 in every 25 cars I pass is a body-perfect, quiet Corvair driven by a middle aged family. There are 4 Corvairs just on my street alone. I beep and wave at them, but sometimes they act as if there's nothing unusual about the fact that we both are driving Corvairs...

Last week I finally pulled up next to a nice gray-haired old lady driving a late model that looked as clean as Bryan Lynch's. I asked her how long she had owned her car. She said that her husband had always driven "Chevrolets" and graded them in every 3 years. However, when he bought this one in '67 or '68 she made him keep it. He finally went out and bought another used "Chevrolet" ('69) just like the one she was driving. I asked if she meant another "Corvair" and she said yes, a "Chevrolet Corvair"--only his was black and hers was green.

I told that story to illustrate how many Corvairs are driven not just by aficionados like ourselves, but by the average troop content with a well engineered car.

I've attended a number of races at Laguna Seca which is just 10 minutes away. A number of car clubs--Corvette, Porsche, etc., have reserved portions of the infield along the track for parking. By special arrangement, they each take a parade lap, all in line, one club at a time between each race. I was told that the SF Corvair club did this parade lap in the past years. It might be an idea for Pat Bender and his Activities Committee to pursue.

VAIR-Y TALES

Along these same lines, I want to remind the club about the high speed driving school at the Phoenix International Raceway. Judy and I attended last year, and it was well worth the time. Especially interesting was the skid pad clinic, where you were taught how to corner properly at 10-25 mph around pylons in a circle. The engineers stood by with charts, comparing your performance with the cornering "co-efficient" published for your car. Tire gauge and pump were provided to allow the drivers to experiment with pressures. The school was extremely beneficial. By the end of the day, my timid, overcautious wife was driving my '75 Monza Spyder over 110 mph around the banked track. As I recall, the school was being offered in January or February by SCCA. I suggest anyone interested should call Mike Helt. I remember seeing him race his car there last year.

I sold my '69 Chevelle last month for \$2000..I only paid \$1450 for it in 1972. Now if I can only sell my Ramside. I put almost \$700 into the truck last year, and I'd rather keep it if I can. The '63 Spyder engine in it runs strong on the 2 carbs..I'm tempted to bring it out here to "Hotel California" where it's worth its curb weight to the surfers and bikers. I'd appreciate your asking the members if anyone would like to drive it out to Monterey. I'd have done it myself if I hadn't already had 3 cars to bring with me. I'm afraid Judy would be a fit though, especially if I decided to keep the truck after I saw it again. I plan to store my '63 Spyder and ship my '75 Spyder to Paris.

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'VAIR-Y TALES, cont..

We'll be here at the Naval Post Grad school for another 6 months; then we both attend the DLI Language School here in Monterey until December, '78. Four months in Washington, DC for A&Tache training, then on to Paris for 3 years....

The good part about the dress code is the Navy standards. I haven't cut my hair since you saw me last, and I may grow a beard. You might tell my retired military friends, especially Sam Sharp and Frank McKenna, that even Cam Rhan Bay--as casual as it was in '68 and '69, never compared to the Navy.

I appreciate keeping in touch with the club through your letters and newsletter. Your experience in Hawaii reminds me that Corvair members will always be welcomed at our house as they travel through. My hat's off to those of you who worked so hard this past year to promote a successful club. Judy and I wish you all an even better year ahead.

Sincerely,
TED

NOTE to Club members: Anyone interested in driving his RAMPSIDE to Monterey?

(Here are a few excerpts from a letter of M/Sgt. John B. Thomas, 4205 Halupa Street, Honolulu, Hawaii)

5 January, 1978

Dear Gordon:

My check is enclosed to cover my membership in your fine club.

If any of your TCA (or CORSA) members visit our Island, I would appreciate a phone call. Also, just let me know if there's anything I can do for you or the Club.

Aloha and Manalo,

JOHN THOMAS

EDITOR'S NOTE: John is a long-time member of CORSA and a new member of Tucson Corvair Assn. Next May, he and his wife, Vickie, will be visiting the mainland to pick up his '63 Spyder stored in North Carolina, and move it to Hawaii. On his way to the West Coast, we have asked him to stop over in Tucson.

H O T N E W S ! !

We have just been informed that ALL CORVAIRS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HISTORIC VEHICLE PLATES. All years--1960-1969! Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council has invited us to join their council, and we have replied in the affirmative!

Frank McKenna has obtained the first Historic Vehicle plates for a Tucson Corvair..At the January meeting, he will show his plates and tell us all how it can be done--easy!



Tech



Tips

FLYWHEEL INSTALLATION

There are as many wrong ways to install a flywheel, clutch and pressure plate as there are different parts. To WIT:

There are two basic flywheels. The early, flat surface and the late ('64-'69) with the stepped face. The early one must be used with the straight finger pressure plate, and the late one with the bent finger pressure plate.

The rebuilt varieties of clutch discs can cause other problems. Some parts houses--either by ignorance or misinformation--have supplied a disc with a riveted hub for use with the stepped flywheel. Since the crankshaft flange where the flywheel mounts is not as thick as the early one, this riveted hub disc must not be used on the late (stepped) flywheel and late crank. While there is clearance between the rivet heads and the flywheel bolt heads on installation, under load, with the bent finger pressure plate, the flexible part of the flywheel causes this clearance to vanish and contact is made between the rivets and the flywheel bolts.

TO CLARIFY: You may use the riveted hub clutch disc with the early flywheel and straight finger pressure plate on '60-'63 cranks. However, be sure to use the welded hub-type clutch disc with the late, stepped flywheel, and bent finger pressure plate on '64-'69 cranks.

G.M. supplies only one disc at the present time--the welded hub--(part number 3888000). Smart parts houses now stock only this disc, as it will fit all installations.

Prices? Rebuilt discs cost \$10-\$11. New discs from Chevy run \$27, list.

Note: A bent finger pressure plate may be used with a flat-faced flywheel, but the pressure plate must have 1/8" spacers under each bolt. Some rebuilt pressure plates may have the spacers welded to the mounting pads. If not, you will have to use 1/8" washer-spacers. Naturally, you will have to use the short throwout bearing with this setup. If these spacers are not used, a strain will be placed on the diaphragm springs and there can be no disengagement.

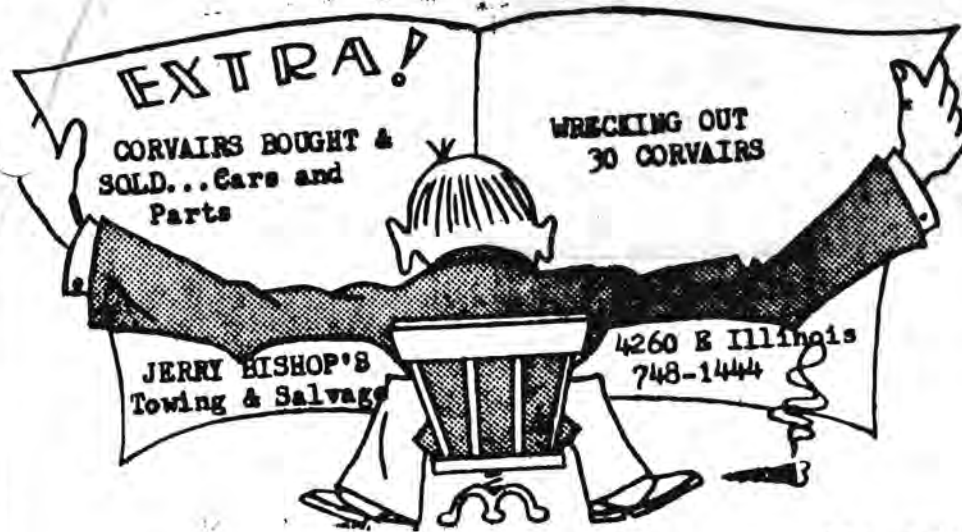
Check everything two and three times to be sure what you are doing!

JOHN NORTH

CLUTCH PRESSURE PLATES

When installing or reinstalling a pressure plate, be sure to check the height of the fingers. Install the disc and pressure plate on the flywheel. Lay a straight edge across the turned-up center of the clutch cover. Measure the height of each finger. They should be identical. Another quick way is to put the throwout bearing up against the fingers. If there is any difference in the height of the fingers, the throwout bearing will be cocked. This same situation will be present when the throwout bearing is installed, putting a side thrust on the bearing and shaft where it rides. It may be the culprit causing a rough clutch engagement.

JOHN NORTH



Member: Tucson Corvair Assn.

(Pd. ADV)

'61 RAMPSIDE, new engine. See at Jerry Bishop's. Ted Lloyd left it behind when he went to Cal. Asking \$950 and worth it!

FOR SALE-Early 4 sp transmission \$50. Call Ace, 882-4483.

FOR SALE. Complete transaxles. Early and late. Three & four sp. Some 3.89 gears, 3.27 & 3.55. One Saginaw 3 sp. JOHN, 326-2086.

FOR SALE - '65 3:55 Differential. Guaranteed good. \$65. Call ACE, 882-4483.

HYDRAULIC TOP MOTOR, lines & actuator. \$40. FRANK, 885-8571.

1964 TRUCK CRANK-CASE with reground crankshaft and new camshaft installed. Also have rods and bearings. FRANK, 885-8571.

FOR SALE -- DUAL AIR FILTERS (A-C) \$5.25 pr; Single A-C, \$4.55 ea; 44FF and 46FF spark plugs; Carburetor shaft seals, 2xl, \$3.25; 4xl \$5.25. Many other miscellaneous parts. GORDON, 299-1122.

EARLY 1960-63 3 sp gear box, brand new, never installed in a car. John 326-2086.

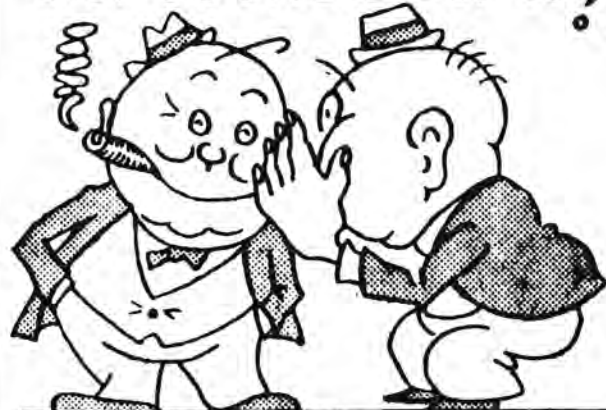
TRADE -- Early block, '60-63, for late block, '64-'69. All studs are tight and the block is clean. Might throw in other items if you need and I have them. JOHN, 326-2086.

FOUR A78-13 tires, almost new, \$48. Pair 61 heads, complete with valve job. FRANK, 885-8571.

'67 MONZA COUP, 140 HP Engine, Mag Wheels & Radials. Nice Maroon paint job. \$1300 or best offer. RANDY, 683-7196.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



FRIDAY JANUARY 20, 1978

RANCH STYLE BARBECUE BEEF DINNER AT THE TRIPLE "C" RANCH, 8900 West Bopp Road. Dinner served 7:00 p.m. SHARP. Reservations necessary. Call Pat Bender at 888-2224.

Join the caravan at the WEST SIDE OF RANDOLPH PARK.
5:45 Assembly Time. Depart promptly at 6:15 p.m.--or go directly, if that's your choice

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25, '78

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AT A NEW MEETING PLACE:

VILLAGE INN PIZZA PARLOR, 7855 E. Golf Links

FRANK McKENNA will show slides of our three latest TCA Rallies--Colossal Cave, Yuma, and Wheelorama.

DINNER SERVED AT 7 p.m. Special is ALL YOU CAN EAT \$3.00
Includes fried chicken, spaghetti, pizza and a nice salad bar.
Bring your family and friends.

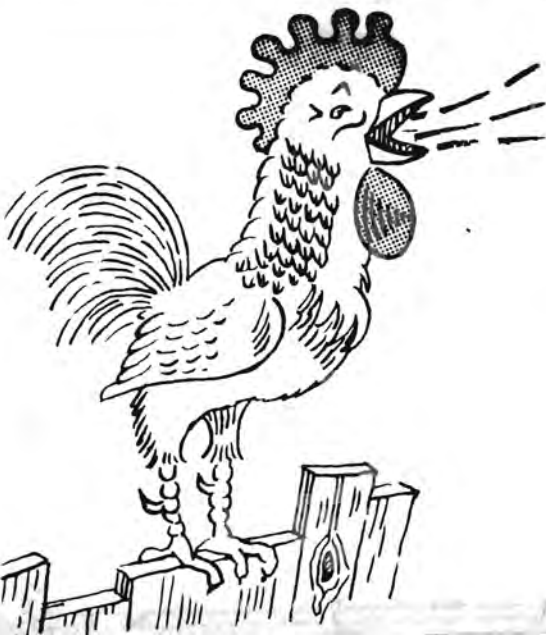
IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

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. P.O. Box 5890, Sarasota, FL 33579.

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

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



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