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TCA holds regular monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month, and has additional social or technical activities related to the Corvair automobile each month.

Annual dues of TCA are \$8.00, and on initial joining, there is an additional fee of \$2.50. For family membership, add \$1.00.

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WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER:

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(Retired from General Mills, Chester came to Tucson from Buffalo, N.Y. He owns a '66 convertible Monza 110).

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PHOENIX MINI-CONVENTION

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The Cactus Corvair Club of Phoenix held a regional Mini-Convention on April 1 and 2, and there was an enthusiastic response from our TCA members who attended: Gordon Cauble, Joel Gemberling, Brian Lynch, John North and their wives; Pat and Eric Bender, Alan Atwood, Gertrude King, Henry Lanoo, Frank McKenna and yours truly.

A heavy rainstorm on Saturday A.M. almost washed out the Concours d'Elegance, but the three entries from our club--Joel Gemberling's '65 Monza Coupe in late model altered restored, Gordon Cauble's '64 Monza Coupe, and Bryan Lynch's '69 Monza Coupe--all made a fine showing. (Bryan would have been in stock if he had listened to Frank McKenna and not installed his K-Mart rear view mirrors and tape deck).

The banquet was held Saturday evening at the Red Apple Restaurant of the Rodeway Inn, and after a fine dinner, the Concours winners were announced. The one winner from our club was Bryan--who took the 4th place trophy in the altered class. Following the presentations, and lots and lots of raffle prizes, the movie "From Here to There" was shown--a movie about Corvairs driving through Central America.

Sunday's weather was cooperative, and the Slalom, Gymkhana and Swap Meet were held.

Cactus Corvair Club should be congratulated on the outstanding job they did. I am a neophyte in this business, and was impressed by the hard work their members had put in to make the Convention a success.

--DON BORTLE



MONTHLY MEETING WED. MAY 24, 1978

Again this month, our meeting will be at ELKS LODGE on the west side of Wilmot between Broadway and 22nd, just south of Handyman.

Cost of the dinner: \$3.75 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 12. Price includes coffee, tea, or milk, tax and tip, and a small salad bar. For those who prefer the salad bar only, the charge is \$1.25. The waitress will take your dinner order after you have gotten salad. Take your choice of 7 entrees--roast beef, pork, meat loaf, liver & onions, chicken, spaghetti and fish. Drinks (beer and mixed) are available from the waitress, or you may get your own from the bar.

Bring the whole family! There is a parking area and entrance on the north side of the building. Late arrivals--enter front door, ring the bell for the attendant, and you will be directed to the meeting room.

To avoid confusion and speed up the process, a member of the Corvair Club will collect for the meals and pay the Elks Club.

Come early! Show your Corvair!
Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m.

ELKS LODGE
330 S Wilmot Road

VAIR-y TALES

(The following is an account of the trip to Illinois April 27-May 3 that John North and Gordon Cauble took in Gordon's '63 Ford stationwagon. The object? To capture that illusive dream Corvair in somebody's barn in the heart of a rural village)

CHAPTER I.

LOVE IS WHERE YOU FIND IT

or

If you want it, Go where it is.

by

JOHN NORTH
Tucson, Arizona
May 1978

Searching for just the Corvair you want can lead to some pretty hairy experiences. That was the case when Gordon Cauble found an ad for a '63 Spyder in Old Cars. How to get it home since it was located in Illinois? There was the "dead" turbo engine to get back as well.. So it was no use thinking of flying up and driving back to Tucson. Now, let's not go all that way without checking some other possibilities. Another thing. Take someone along to help. In a weak moment, and getting a little cabin fever, John North consented.

Check out that 140 Corsa near Cloudcroft, N.M.; check the package of 20 plus cars and parts in Raton, N.M.; check a possible in Oklahoma on the way back. Oh yes! Preparation included the acquisition of a tow bar--just in case. To avoid the story of long hops over desert and plain, we'll get right to it.

The 140 Corsa in Cloudcroft turned out to be several miles beyond and up 16 Springs Canyon. It was a bit of a disappointment considering the asking price--and the amount offered didn't

come within \$500 of the final asking price. So often the general public has an inflated notion of what a Corvair is worth in any condition. NO SALE.

On to Raton. The "yard" was full of an odd assortment of early, late, converts, hardtops, Lakewoods, vans, pickups and a mountain of engines. The asking price--\$2250 for all--wouldn't have been bad except it was 700 miles from home. Only W.R. Hearst can build a castle. And a newspaper tycoon we aint. NO SALE.

On to Illinois.

Kansas, you haven't changed a bit. Still a long, flat drive. Witchita... by-pass Topeka, Kansas City..cut NE to the Mississippi crossing at Louisiana, Mo.. Nearly there now. Ah! Winchester, Ill.... No, our man has gone home for the day. Get him on the phone. Yeah, he has a CB. Get on 2, "I'll talk you in."

As we approached the farm, our anticipation mounted. At a distance we saw the car, which had been moved from the barn to the carport. As we approached,

'VAIRY TALES (cont)

noted that a new wrinkle had come to the right door with a careless maneuver of farm machinery in the barn where it was stored. Yeah, the battery post had been pulled out of the case. My God! We came all this way and were not going home empty-handed! It was really an unspoken comment. What a disappointment the car was--considering the description and price.

In a couple of hours, the tow bar was affixed, wires had been strung to the rear quick disconnect, the tarp pulled taut over the topless black beauty with red interior. Oh Oh...the 2 inch ball on the trailer hitch won't work.

Off to town. No luck! Torch it off! Blow a hole for the right size ball.

Now for a good night's sleep. Yes, the seller put us up for the night and a breakfast of scrambled eggs. Load up the blown turbo engine and all the loose parts. Little did we know that the added weight in the '63 Ford wagon would be welcome.

"Take 67 south to Alton, and pick up I-270 around St. Louis." We're off. This is the fourth day since we left Tucson. It has been more than 1600 miles. Short nights and long days. The initial concern of towing kept each of us very alert to possible problems.

(Watch next month's issue of CORVAIRSACTION for the second installment of John's tale)

THIS AND THAT.....

NEED TO MOVE YOUR CORVAIR? TCA now has a towbar. JOHN BARES has donated this valuable item to your club. It is available on loan from John North, but call him first. Many thanks to John, the donor. He is a prospective member--and we hope he will join. --Ed.

A LITTLE KNOWN fact that may hold the key to the state of our nation today, or which on the other hand, may be completely useless:

In his college days at the University of Georgia, presidential aide Hamilton Jordan drove a light green Corvair.

--Gene Marshall, CORVAIR HOUSTON

PEDESTRIANS DO FOOLISH THINGS.....but do you think they deserve the death sentence?

THE CORVAIR ROUNDUP IN NORTH TEXAS IS READY!!

May 25-26 DALLAS FT. WORTH

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the Roundup Cowboys

The Roundup is at the Americana Inn of the Six Flags at the intersection of Hwy. #360 and the Dallas -Ft. Worth turnpike (now I-30) in Arlington Tx. midway between Dallas and Ft. Worth.

After noon Thurs. May 25th, call us at the Roundup registration desk at the Inn of the Six Flags, 817-640-1666. Till then call 214-234-3636. Reduced rate advance rate registration by mail closes May 22. Address requests for the \$2.00 information packets to: 402 High Brook Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080

REAR WHEEL BEARINGS

Lately a number of rear wheel bearing failures have been cropping up on early models. The life expectancy on these "lubricated-for-life" bearings is from 70-75,000 miles. Some have gone up to 100,000 miles in a decent climate. However, they can be lubed and it should be done not later than 50,000 miles if you want to save them. The stamped bearing housing can be opened up by prying off the shield and popping the rivets. Hand packing the grease with the fingers is possible. Watch for the very thin seals on the outer edge of the outer race inside the inner housing and the seal on the inner race when you dismantle and reassemble.

The 1964 cast housing can be drilled at an angle so that you enter between the split outer races. Then a grease gun, with appropriate nipple, can be used to pack the bearing. It takes only a few (3 to 5 shots) to fill the cavity. Watch the edge of the seal at the outer side next to the puller ring. When a tiny bit of grease passes this seal.... stop!!

An appropriate size hole can be drilled to fit a zerk fitting, but it is not really needed. Drill a hole the size of a BB, and fill the hole. Lead is preferred to steel.

If you use a zerk fitting, put the hole on the forward side of the bearing housing. This will enable future lubing. There is more room to get a grease gun in place on the forward side since the wheel cylinder on the top and the brake levers and mechanism are in the way on the rear side of the housing.

For more information on where to drill the hole, contact me. I'm not looking for work, but will show you how to do it.

--JOHN NORTH

Note: This is an up-date of a tip reported in a previous CORVAIRSACTION. Take heed! ED.

TECH TIPS-



RESTORATION - PAINT:

Did you know that paint breathes? No, it doesn't have lungs, but it does have pores. Pores are pockets where the thinner or gases escape, thereby allowing the paint to dry.

If a car is painted very shiny, then the pores are very small. This is the biggest objective when painting a car. Also you are liable to get paint runs or sags in the paint. Usually three or four thin coats are recommended. The hardest thing for paint besides a sand storm is parking your car along a busy street for lengthy periods of time.

The next hardest thing is letting your car get dirty, then letting it set in the sun for days. Here's what happens: the sun opens the pores, the dust drops down into it, then when it cools the dirt particle is trapped or slowly pushed up and down day after day. After a month or so this creates a dull finish (oxidation). If wax is kept on the car, the pores are filled with wax which is flexible, allowing the paint to expand and contract, thereby saving the paint. But the wax should be re-rubbed or more applied as needed to prolong the life of the paint. Each type of paint expands and contracts at different rates. We have enamel, lacquer, acrylic lacquer, and epoxy, which are all oil base paints.

Then we have vegetable base paints that are on most foreign cars.

The amount of paint and kind on the car, affects the life of the car paint. Years ago they first painted cars with black enamel paint. Then lacquer paint was used, but just for the rich or special people. Lacquer paint has to be rubbed often, like once a week because the pores try to open often and the paint is a hard paint and chips easier. Also, you have to put 24 or so coats on because you remove one fourth of a coat of paint every time you rub the car hard. Today most General Motors cars are painted with two or three coats of lacquer paint. That's why there are some mighty dull new cars on the market. On 1968 or so Chevrolets the lacquer paint was put on in 6 or so coats. Now you know why they cracked so bad. The cracks, if looked at closely, look like crows feet all over or the dry river bed effect is some times there called lacquer checks. If you have a car with lacquer on it, it is best to park it in dark shaded areas.

How do you know what your car's paint is? If it's lacquer, the paint will come off onto a white cloth with lacquer thinner on it after rubbing a spot. If it's Earl Scheib paint or enamel, it will bubble (blister); vegetable paint will dull, snap, crackle or pop.



Gene Etinger

Here is an accounting of where our money went last year, or rather during the period of May 1, 1977 and March 19, 1978 as turned in by our past Treasurer, Bill Fournier:

TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

Balance in Bank 5/1/77 \$282.89

Income

Dues	\$630.50
Name Tags	130.00
Raffles	201.40
Advertising	118.00
Dash Plaques	10.50
Cans	86.75
Picnic Reimbursement	15.00
	<u>1192.15</u>

Exoenses

Newsletter Postage-Prtg.	536.78
Raffles Prizes	85.09
Corsa Dues	210.00
Name Tags	238.50
Membership, AZ Hobbyist	25.00
Library	29.00
Picnic Rally Costs	40.62
Awards	39.80
Dash Plaques	15.75
Flowers, gifts, jacket	38.02
Mis. Supplies	34.81
Bad Check	10.50
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BAL. as of March 19, 1978 \$171.17

BILL FOURNIER

GOLD CAN AWARD

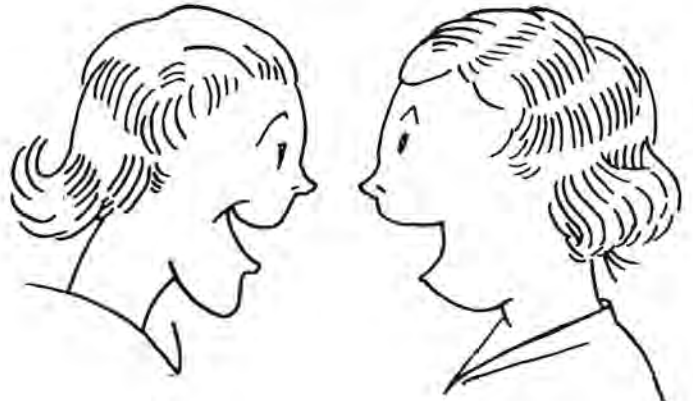
The winner of the Gold Can Award for April is BRYAN LYNCH.

Hey, everyone! Save those aluminum cans! Bring them to the next meeting! They put money in our treasury!

--BILL F.
Chmn., Can Comm.

.....AND IN THIS CORNER,

The 'Vair Sex



PRETTY SOON the children will be home for the summer. Maybe they'd like to make cookies. Here's an old Swedish recipe passed on to me from my grandmother. It's easy enough to have the children make these cookies themselves:

GRANDMA'S SWEDISH DAINTIES

1 cup butter
6 Tbsp. sugar
2 Cups Flour
2 tsp. almond extract

Cream together the butter and sugar. Then add the flour and extract. (Batter will be heavy).

Drop onto a cookie sheet in balls, and flatten out. Glaze cookie tops with slightly beaten egg white, and sprinkle them with chopped almonds. Or, if you prefer, put an almond on each. Bake about 10 minutes at 350.

--VERNE



ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AT THE CONVENTION

CORSA Convention '78 won't be just for the grownups! There will be lots for the young folks to do at the Convention Center and at a number of the Convention events.

Fun things to do at the Town and Country Convention Center include swimming, game rooms, and shuffleboard and tennis courts. And nearby are five movie theaters (within walking distance) that show first-run Hollywood hits (and often some pre-release sneak previews).

On Friday evening during the Convention a special California-style beach party is planned for the whole family. There will be games for kids of all ages, and a big bonfire is planned for later in the evening.

There's a model car concours scheduled for Saturday morning. There will be judging and trophies will be awarded just like for Dad's full-size Corvair.

And for Saturday evening the Convention committee is arranging for special childrens' entertainment to be held at the same time as the Convention banquet. And babysitting will be available for those who desire it.

Also, don't forget San Diego's world-famous Zoo and Sea World to see during your visit.

So get Dad's pipe and slippers for him and his favorite fountain pen. And get him to send for his pre-registration package that tells all about San Diego and the CORSA National Convention.

Send \$1.00 plus your return address to: The San Diego Corvair Club
P.O. Box 23172
San Diego, CA 92123

Attention: Registration Committee

We'll see you this summer in July!!!

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CHECK LIST FOR T.C.A. CLUB DUES COMING UP

MAY

COOPER, Maurice & Rosemary
LLOYD, Ted
RAY, Will
SHARP, Sam

According to our records, these members are coming up for renewal now, or in the near future.

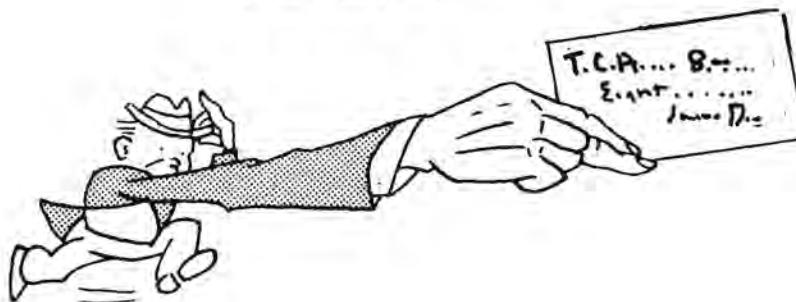
Check the expiration date on YOUR membership card. Are you due for renewal?

JUNE

AVERY, Edwin R
NORTH, John
SMALL, Duane

Remember, if your dues are unpaid, you'll be dropped from membership and CORVAIRSATION mailing if two months have elapsed since your expiration date. (Not yours, your card's.)

WHAT TO DO? See the treasurer at the next meeting, or put your renewal check in the mail.



DON BORTLE
Secy-Treas.



TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION
Monthly Meeting April 26, 1978



Meeting was called to order by the President, Pat Bender, at 8:30 p.m. at The Elks Club banquet room. Attendance: 45.

Pat Bender introduced guests and new officers.

Treasurer Don Bortle reported \$171.00 in the treasury as of 3/1/78. Current balance is \$293.00, and with the money received tonight the balance will be well over \$300.00.

Pat Bender reported that the outing at Chiricahua Monument was most enjoyable.

Pat Bender asked for a volunteer to act as Chairman of the Aluminum Can Project and be responsible for the collection of cans at the regular meetings and the transporting of same to the recycling plant. There being no volunteers, Frank McKenna said that he and Bill Fournier could jointly handle the project. Bill Fournier circulated the Gold Can Award which will be presented to the person contributing the most cans this year.

Pat Bender asked for a volunteer to serve as Editor of Convairsation. GordonCauble reported that we will at least need a temporary Editor to serve while he will be out of state during the month of July.

Pat Bender announced that if any member was interested to help in any capacity he or she should contact any of the club's officers. Gertrude King offered her help in any suitable area. Pat Bender said she could serve as Chairman of the Telephone Committee.

Pat Bender reported on the forthcoming outing with the Phoenix Corvair Club, which we will be hosting. We will furnish the refreshments for our guests and they will bring their own lunches.

Frank McKenna was awarded a \$10.00 "gift certificate for winning the Chiricahua Monument economy run.

Frank McKenna read the derogatory article about Corvairs which appeared in the April 21st edition of the Wildcat, and his effective reply which appeared in the April 26th Wildcat as a letter to the editor.

\$29.50 was received for grab bag participation. Winners were Isabelle Fournier, Betty Chastain and Sam Sharp.

An outstanding film entitled "Here to There" was shown. Film was about a convoy of '61 Corvairs making a trip from Chicago to Panama. A second excellent film was also shown. Eric Bender was thanked for his help in presenting the program.

Bryon Lynch reported on the Phoenix concourse in which he was a fourth place winner. He reported that he plans to enter the national event and asked for help in getting his car into shape, having found the Phoenix event a most enlightening experience.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Georgia Lewis
Georgia Lewis
Recording Secretary

-Classified Ads-

'61 GREENBRIER- 4 sp. '64 engine, in car with burnt valve. Includes original engine. Wants offer. DAN BURROWS, 326-7957.

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

A-C AIR FILTERS, oil filters, & spark plugs. Many other seals, grommets and hard-to-find parts for your Corvair. GORDON, Corvair Consultant. 299-1122.

EARLY 4 SP TRANSMISSION. \$50. ACE. 882-4483.

1964 TRUCK CRANKCASE with reground crankshaft and new camshaft installed. Also have rods and bearings. Corvair Parts Locator, FRANK. 885-8571.

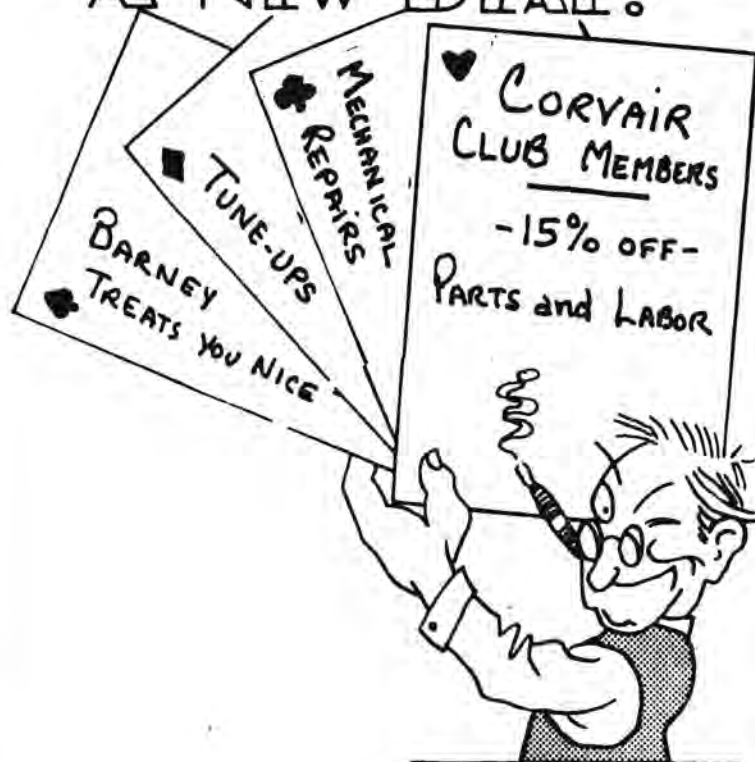
'64 Rr A-FRAME for 4 speed, and manual tap from '64 convertible. \$50. each.. Gordon. 299-1122.

'61 RAMPSIDE TRUCK- New Spyder engi. See at Jerry Bishop's. Ted Lloyd left behind when he moved to California. Asking \$950. Call JERRY. 748-1444.

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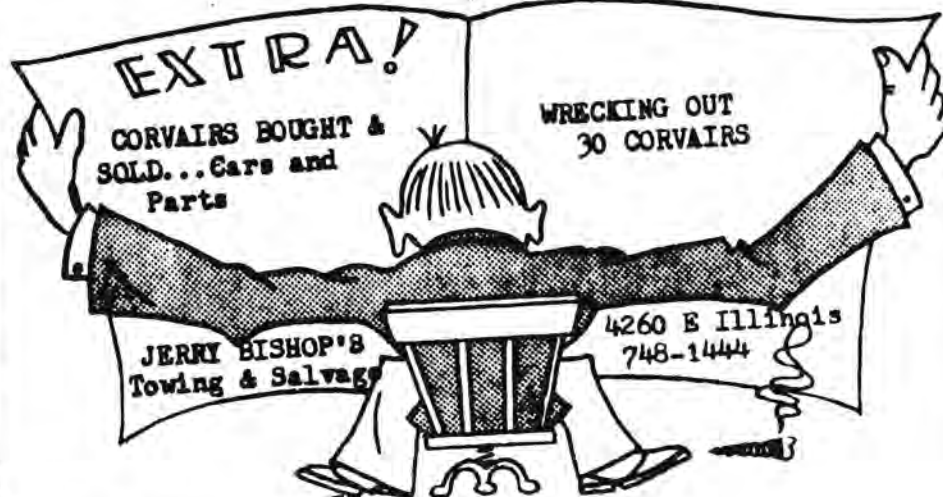
TCA MEMBERS KNOW.....IT'S THE PLACE TO GO!

'63 BUCKET SEAT black. Seat back, blue. Panels good but tears insides. Offer or trade. GORDON. 299-1122.

'62 HEADS. Recent valve job. FRANK. 885-8571.

'64 BLACK INTERIOR FOR Monza coupe. Headliner and side panels. Excellent condition.. Trade for '63 red interior panels or what have you? 299-1122.

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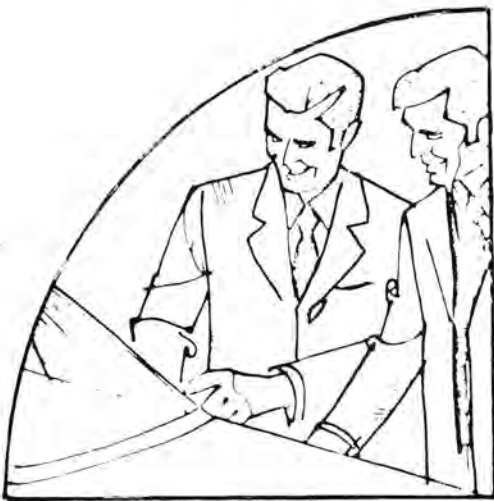


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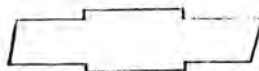


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REGULAR MAY MEETING

Wednesday, May 24

- * AT ELKS LODGE #2532, 330 South Wilmot Rd.
- * PARKING AND ENTRANCE on north side of building
- * DINNER SERVED AT 7. (See details inside CORVAIRSATION)

BRYAN LYNCH, "Arizona Can Man", will be presiding since our President, Pat Bender, is out of town. JOEL Gemberling will bring our first club "T" shirts. There will be raffles, door prizes, tech talk, and lots of Corvairsation! See you there.....EARLY!

L O O K I N G

A H E A D

- 21 MAY SUNDAY -- Tucson Corvairs to Picacho Peak. Picnic and Rally with Cactus Corvair-Corvette Club. Meet at Valley National Bank parking lot--Grant and Miracle Mile for departure at 10:00 a.m. Bring your own picnic lunch and enough soft drinks to share with Phoenix.
- 17 JUNE SATURDAY-- Picnic and Rally at Rose Canyon Lake. About halfway up the road to Mt. Lemmon. ASSEMBLE at the OK Corral Parking Lot on Tanque Verde for a 10 a.m. departure.
- 28 JUNE WEDNESDAY- Regular monthly meeting.
- 20 JULY 1978 CORSA NATIONAL CONVENTION, San Diego, California
- 26 JULY WEDNESDAY- Regular Monthly Meeting.