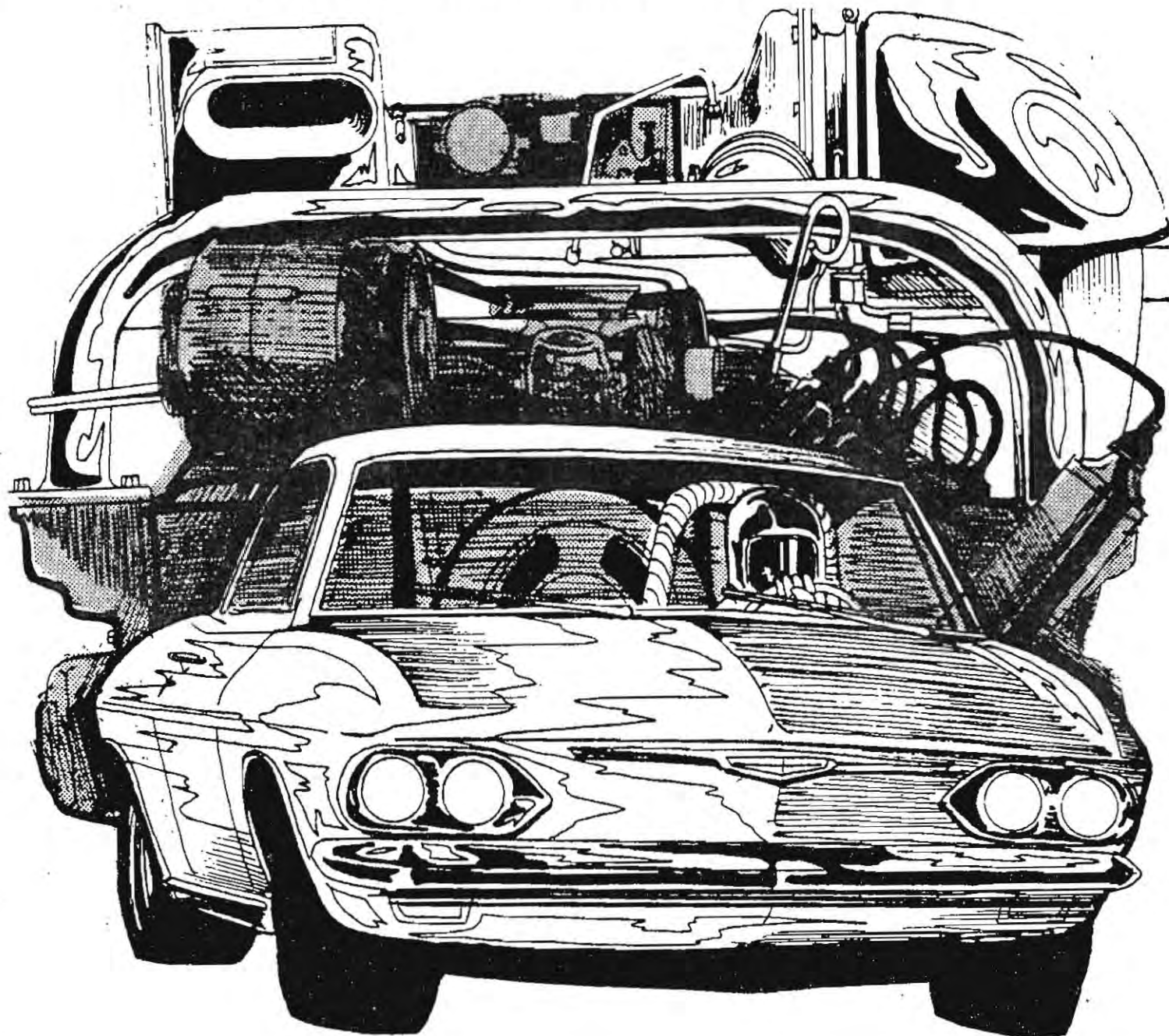


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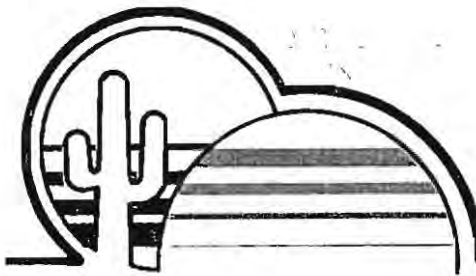
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TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION
Regular Meeting - August 26, 1981

Meeting was called to order by the President, Don Bortle, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Inn Pizza Parlor, 5133 East 22nd.

Present: 55.

New members and first time attendees introduced themselves.

Minutes of the July 22, 1981 Regular Meeting were approved as they appeared in the August Corvairsation.

Ron Edwards of the Model A Club was present to promote their Second Annual Car Show & Picnic at Reid Park on October 4th for the benefit of Casa de los Niños Nursery. Dave Martin is Chairman of TCA's participation.

Frank McKenna reported that \$22.74 had been received during July for the Can Project.

New Corvairsation editors Lou & Lera Lage asked for membership input.

Frank McKenna recapped known mid-month activities from September through April.

Pat Hayhurst promoted the Phoenix April mini-convention and reported that Jerry Bishop will provide a door prize for those who participate in officiating.

Don Bortle asked the membership for suggestions for mid-month activities and subsequent help.

Don Bortle announced that Frank McKenna won a first place plaque, and Gordon Cauble a third place plaque, at the Denver National Convention.

New member John Richard announced that he had three or four Corvair trophies which he will donate to TCA.

John North presented from his personal collection the following "Denver Convention" trophies: Frank McKenna- First Place, Gordon Cauble- Third Place, Bob Thompson- for participation, and Don Bortle- Helper First Class.

Intermission, raffles and door prize followed. Donors: Bishop's Towing & Salvage, Barney's Auto Service and TCA.

For Sale & Items Wanted session followed:

Frank McKenna reported that CORSA rosters (helpful when traveling) are available for purchase.

John North auctioned off three technical automobile manuals.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance 1 August	\$1,070.15
Income	295.08
Expense	27.80
Balance	\$1,337.43

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Lewis
Georgia Lewis, Rec. Secretary

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to give you a fine example of the advantage of belonging to Corsa:

We returned from the convention at Denver at around 12:30 PM Monday, quite exhausted from the trip. That evening around 8:00, I received a telephone call from Bruce Edwards. He said he was a member of the Valley Corsa Club and had gotten my name from Bob Melt. He, his wife and small child were on their way from San Jose to Orlando, Fla. with a Corvair van towing a 60 Corvair coupe and had lost the left rear axle on the van. He wondered if there was anything I could do to help him. With my very limited mechanical knowledge, I immediately called Frank McKenna. Frank then proceeded to ask me questions about what Bruce needed and obviously I couldn't answer them so he called Bruce and got the info. Then in his very efficient manner he called members of the club and finally made arrangements with John North to take the axle out of a van that John had in his back yard.

At 8:00 Tuesday, Frank and I were at Johns' house and proceeded to remove the axle. We then went to the Motel 6 on I-10, picked up Bruce and proceeded to his van on I-10. He had barely gotten the van off the inside lane and naturally it was the left axle that had to be replaced. With Bruce and Frank doing most of the work, John and I were trying to flag the traffic into the outside lane. It was very hot and some of those 18 wheelers were coming awfully close. But after about two hours the job had been completed.

We followed Bruce back to the Motel and he wanted to know where to get his oil changed and put it on a lift to do some work on the underside. Frank called Bryan Lynch, at home, on vacation again, and he made arrangements for Bruce to be taken care of at a lift.

So the moral of the story is that Corvair people take care of their own.

Don Bortle

Lookout DENVER !

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH To bring you up to date, we had just arrived in Denver. It was 12:20 P.M., Tuesday, 28 July. We now had to remove all traces of tar-gravel-rain-and snow from two cars before entering the Concours on Thursday morning.

TUESDAY P.M. Check-in at the Marriot was quick. We were lucky to be assigned a first floor room on the parking lot. After lunch we decided to start the clean-up process. The quarter wash was 3 blocks from the hotel. Don Bortle (Don B.) and I were following Gordon, Don Chastain (Don C.) and Dean Moody. We lost them at the first traffic light. They got in the turn lane and when we passed them they looked like the Keystone Cops. Three heads all looking in different directions. The coin dispenser at the car wash contained both coins and tokens. Gordon ended up with a few extra tokens and he was seen trying to sell them as souvenirs of " The Rally to the Rockies ". For those of you who might be interested - - I think he still has a few.

With Gordon supplying the beer and encouragement, Don C. and Dean Moody were assigned the task of upgrading Gordon's car from FINE to EXCELLENT. How they rubbed, repaired and restored! Gordon's car went from a 75 to 85 pointer in five hours. Don C. and Dean knew why Gordon was wearing that southern planter's hat. We worked till 5:00 P.M., dinner and bed.

WEDNESDAY Gordon had trouble sleeping - seems there was an artificial moon outside his window (parking lot lamp) and he never did find the pulls for the blackout curtain.

Record hot day for Denver - 97 degrees and we spent the day in the sun. Gordon and I had a three hour respite while we attended a one hour Concours participants briefing, leaving the cleaning duties to Don B., Don C. and Dean. We consumed a few Colorado Cool-Aids, we took hourly refreshment breaks except for Don C., he was on a 15 minute schedule. Bob and Jan Thompson dropped by to urge us on. While they were there Bob managed to step right in the middle of my tube of chrome polish. I followed that act by immediately kicking over my jar of touch-up paint. Must have been the rarefied air? Next Van Sherman dropped by with some words of encouragement. The next familiar faces we saw were Sam and Harriet Angus, our friends from Atlanta, Michigan. They brought us a CARE package of 12% Canadian beer. We immediately consigned it to the cooler.

During the afternoon we were cleaning wheels etc. using the trash can from the motel room as a bucket. Don C. thought that Don B. was taking an awful long time to refill the bucket so he accompanied Don B. on his next trip. After watching Don B's. refill procedure, Don C. told him that he could speed up the process if he would fill the can from the tub faucet rather than the sink, one glass at a time. We quit in time to make the COORS tour. Gordon's car is now a 90 pointer and has appreciated \$1000.00.

COORS TOUR Tickets were at a premium, however if you know the convention chairwomen -- noooo problem. We had to hitch rides as our cars were under their car covers. Gordon and Dean were in the lead car and Don B. and I were in car # 2. Don C. was seen leaving the parking lot all alone in the back seat of an early model four door with no one in the front seat except the driver.

Arriving at the brewery, everyone had to sign the register.

Denver (Cont)

Most of us had no problem accomplishing this with the exception of Don C.. It seems he forgot his name , so he took off his name tag to see who he was and then signed an " X ". He then put his name tag on, upside down, so if anyone wanted to know his name he could glance down and read it. The Coors tour was outstanding, as the guide said we had a briefing " and drank a little beer ", saw a movie " and drank a little beer " toured the brewery " and " drank a little beer ". And all this beer was FREE. I thought I was in heaven. However, I did see a FIRST that night. Don C. returned a full glass of beer to the bartender and said He had had enough . Don B. and myself were the last two to leave the Hospitality Room that night. Thank you Adolf.

THURSDAY - CONCOURS DAY Don C. is the undisputed snoring champion for 1981. He and Bryan Lynch could not live in the same block. Don C. woke up too ill for polishing and preparation duties. Don B. and myself were not 100%, must be that rarefied air. Put the cars in Concours and did some last minute polishing. The cars were on the top level of a parking garage. Wish Ken Hubbard was there to provide some shade. Many trips back to the room to treat severe dehydration. Jeanne and Dick Lucht arrived, had a problem with their Spyder but it was still running strong. Ernie Alloy and Tom Higley checked in and John North was also on the scene. What's a CORSA convention without John North? It seems Ernie and Tom were coming through Alamosa, Colorado on their non-stop trip to Denver, when Ernie detected the odor of something burning. Ernie became alarmed because he thought one of Tom's cigarettes had set his Army blanket on fire, which was in the back seat. You have to know Ernie, but you see, Ernie is an Indian and when he was a boy his Daddy told him " Don't let anyone mess with your blanket". It turned out to be their generator, but that's another story. Sure glad it wasn't Ernie's blanket! After the Concours we went back to the room for an attitude check and then on to the Western BarB-Que. The TCA was skunked on the door prizes.

FRIDAY - AUTOCROSS DAY Slept till 7:00 A.M., Don C. is still the snoring champion but Don B. is challenging. Gordon, Dean, Don C. and myself thought we would take a look at Dick Lucht's car. I did the wrenching. You can't imagine how many experts you can attract when you start working on a Corvair in the parking lot of the CORSA convention headquarters. Well, we listened to every theory in the world until Don C. and I decided to put it back together. When we were walking away with the tools, they were still analyzing the problem. Dick and Jeanne were last seen heading south on the Interstate at a reasonable rate of speed with the top down.

Don B., Don C. and myself decided to attend the slalom which was located 25 miles south of Denver. A nice trip on the Interstate, saw lots of nice Corvairs on the way. I heard a strange noise in the engine after we arrived. It appeared to be the idler pulley. No problem, I had a spare and the tools. Guess Where? Back in the motel room. Had a fellow Corvair owner follow us back to Denver and changed the pulley and fanbelt. Nothing exciting for the rest of the day until Don C. slammed the motel door on his thumb. He invoked all the gods and soaked it in cold beer and all was well.

SATURDAY - BANQUET DAY Spent the day packing the car in preparation for a Sunday departure. Don C., John North and Gordon took

Denver (Cont)

a drive out to see John's former residence. On the way, they had both generator and belt failure. They had to change the belt on the shoulder of the freeway with Gordon's complete set of tools - an adjustable jaw. Don C. did the work and installed the belt with an extra twist in it. Must have been that rarefied air? They came home on the battery, found another generator in the swap meet and replaced it.

The banquet was better than most, service outstanding. Speaker so-so. Gordon and I won awards for our cars which indicates the high quality of the Concours judging.

SUNDAY - ALL OVER NOW We came home the scenic route, over the mountains. Some places it was a white knuckle ride. Don B. almost ran us out of gas, some navigator. We were glad to see Silverton, even in the rain. Spent the night in Gallup, made Tucson on Monday. Anyone for Syracuse, New York in 1982?? If so, see Don Bortle.

Frank McKenna



TUNE-UP CLINIC AND SAFETY CHECK

Looking ahead to November, we will need about 16 volunteers to help out with our semiannual event. No experience is necessary. We need both men and women, so don't hesitate to call me if you are interested. We will have a few training sessions prior to the clinic to bring everyone up to speed.

Frank McKenna

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Can Report

These people contributed cans in August. Baker, Carey, Dryden, Eggers, Lage, Lewis, Lynch, McKenna, Merrill, and Richmond. Also, there were cans from the Denver trip. August take \$32.50 Year to date, \$217.63.

THE SECOND ANNUAL FIESTA DE LOS NIÑOS

This picnic and car show, to be held at Reid Park on Sunday, October 4, is an event put on for the benefit of the Casa de los Niños Crisis Nursery for abused and battered children. All proceeds from this program go to this most worthy cause. The time is 1:00 p.m.

Most of you could, with some arm-twisting, be persuaded to drive something other than a Corvair if it were as fine as the 1931 Model A pickup truck being given away as the grand prize at the Fiesta. There will be free entertainment, dancing, and a car show with vehicles from the Model A Club, Antique Auto Club, Convertible/Retractable, Mustangs and several others, including about a dozen from TCA. It will be a "bring your own" picnic for the whole family, with those showing their cars meeting in a roped-off TCA area beforehand, and caravanning in.

While admission to the picnic and show is free, tickets will be sold for several prizes, including the 1931 Model A pickup, a beautiful orange and black truck restored by the local Model A Club. The tickets cost \$1.00 or 6/\$5.00. The drawing will begin at 4:00 p.m., but you do not have to be present to win. Tickets will be available at the September TCA meeting. Sales have been quite brisk to this point, but we have laid in a good supply for the clamoring crowd we expect at the next meeting. Please be orderly, we expect to have enough to satisfy everyone.

Seriously, it looks like a good time and there should be some fine cars to see (even if some of them aren't Corvairs). With all proceeds going to the Casa de los Niños, this has to be one of the best causes for which TCA and its members can show support. Let's all turn out and have a good day for a good cause.

Anyone planning to bring their Corvairs to show, please let me know at the September meeting (or by phone at 884-7785). Anyone undecided might note that this is not a Concours, and we are looking for a broad range of cars, showing the crowds not only the "after," but also the "before." Even my "smoker" will be there. And Frank's "after."

Dave Martin

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN MYSTERY

(OR "HEAVY METALLING" IN CORSA AFFAIR)

It was a sweltering Monday afternoon. The phone shook me from my thoughts. "Hello", my voice cracked from a parched throat.... "Yes, I did tell you I'd help. What can I do?".... "OK, I'll check into it."

I set down the receiver and began to uncover "The Rocky Mountain Mystery". It took me a few days to get all the facts and a few more to piece it all together.

REPORT:

The August meeting of the T.C.A. had come to order and proceeded normally for awhile. About half way through, I began to detect an undercurrent. Nothing too much, just some comments here and there. The conversation had gotten around to the Corsa Annual National Convention held in Denver. In particular, the Concours event held on Thursday, July 30th.

Frank McKenna had taken first place in the Street Stock-Early Convertible division, with his '64 Spyder and 94.50 points. Gordon Cauble had taken third place in the Street Stock-Early Coupe division, with his '64 Monza and 90.64 points. Bob Thompson had entered his '67 Monza in the Modified-Late Coupe division. He didn't take a prize, being up against some real stiff competition. (Refer to articles in Aug. and Sept. Corvairsations, by Frank McKenna, for further information on the event.)

The two winners were displaying their plaques-and that's when the undercurrent came to the surface. These guys had put out a lot of time, effort and expense to participate in the Rocky Mountain event, and no one felt that the small wooden plaques gave the appropriate recognition.

Why did Corsa choose to give out the plaques, instead of stunning trophies???? THAT was "The Rocky Mountain Mystery"!

About the time the comments got to the level of a roar, the crowd was hushed as John North came forward to make a presentation. He gave out trophies to the winners, engraved the same as the plaques. But, he didn't stop there. He also presented a trophy to Bob Thompson, engraved "Participant, 1981 Corsa National Convention". And, if that weren't enough, out came trophies for Don Bortle, Don Chastain, and Dean Moody, engraved "First Class Helpers".

John North had won those STUNNING trophies at a Heavy Metal Show, held at the Tucson Fairgrounds in November, '78. He had had them re-engraved for the new recipients.

Are we meddling in Corsa affairs? Yes, some real "Heavy Metalling" in this case! Will Corsa like it? Maybe not, but I, for one, like the idea that our members got the recognition they deserve.

The Rocky Mountain Mystery is still unsolved. But, I think that John North, very effectively expressed what all of us in the T.C.A. feel. Thanks, John, for saying to all those who represented T.C.A. at the convention, "You did a fine job, and deserve a LOT of recognition"!

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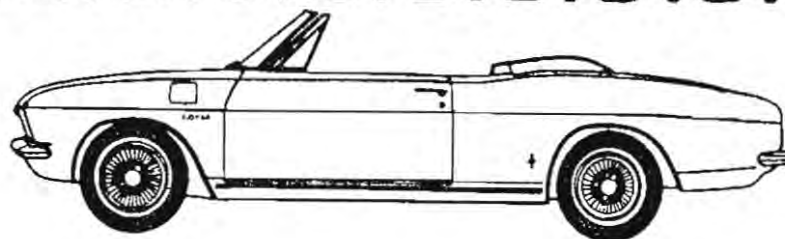


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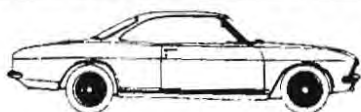
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Regular meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

1. October 4th Car Show at Reid Park - We plan to have some of our Corvairs on display. If you want more information look for the article inside this issue.
2. November is Tune-Up clinic and swap meet month. It will be held at Jesse Owens Park on th 15th of November from 12 noon to 5:00 P.M.. We need some volunteers to do the work. We will talk about it at the next meeting.