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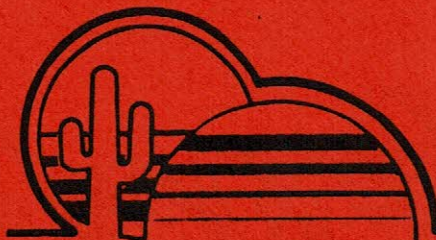
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VOTE !

NOVEMBER 8





## TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

**CORVAIRSATION** is a monthly publication of the TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION, which is dedicated to the preservation of the Corvaair model of the Chevrolet Motor Division. The Tucson Corvaair association is a chartered member of the CORVAIR SOCIETY OF AMERICA (CORSA).

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month except December. One technical/social event is planned for every month except July and August.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** are \$10 per year and are payable to the TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION through the Membership Chairman.

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We would like to invite you to join the Tucson Corvaair Association. We will send you three complimentary issues of the Corvairsation and welcome you to attend all of our activities. This is a great chance to get to know us. No matter what your Corvaair interests are, you'll find lots of good folks with similar interests in the Tucson Corvaair Association. If you decide to join us, the dues are only \$10 per year.



**From the President.....**

The Casa Car Show was October 8th and we had ten beautiful cars there. As a result, we received a lot of favorable comments about the cars and met some new friends. Thanks to all the participants, spouses and family members who prepared their cars so well.

November's mid-month activity will be a really fun bowling party at Lucky Strike Lanes. See the full-page announcement elsewhere in this issue. Bring your family, a friend or both for two hours of bowling with snacks and soft drinks - - - all for only \$2.00 per person. Please sign up at the October meeting or call me before November 1st so that they will know how many to plan for.

Our previously planned November mid-month activity with the Cancer Run was cancelled because of logistics problems.

Response from Vic Howard's survey of the members or past members of TCA has been gratifying and provided us with information of what the club should be about. One of the ideas which has been discussed at the board meeting is a Club Project. We need specific ideas upon which we can concentrate. What are you interested in? Let's discuss it at the October meeting!

Welcome to another new club member - Don Kirkwood.  
Happy Corvairing!

Don Robinson

The regular monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association was called to order at 7:45 PM by president Don Robinson on September 28, 1988, at the Picadilly Cafeteria, 6767 E. Broadway, Tucson, Arizona.

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to change the first name of Mrs. Williamson to Marie, and Frank Held's License plate number to CXY 788.

Three guests were introduced, Donald Kirkwood, Finn and Nora Hudson.

A special thanks was given to Van Pershing for the double issue of the Corvairsation.

A good turnout was reported for the mid-month activity which was a tour of Tom Hubbard's Franklin automobiles. The mid-month activity for October is the Casas de los Ninos car show with Gordon Cauble in charge. Those present were reminded of the Cancer Run in November. Alan Atwood has the information about the Fan Belt Toss in California. New name tags can be obtained through Vic Howard. The Christmas party will be on December 15th at the Black Angus.

Under new business, Vic Howard reported that he had sent out letters to people who had dropped their membership in TCA, and had received 11 back, 4 renewing their membership, and the rest with reasons why they had not renewed. A round of applause was given to Vic for his efforts. According to our By-Laws, a nomination committee has to be formed by October 31st. Please give your support if asked to serve.

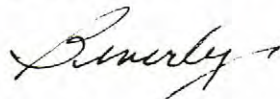
After the break, the drawing was held. After HV990, DJK759, DDA787, and RJF402 were called, Gordon Cauble won the license plate prize with HV65D. Other prizes were given to Allen Elvick, Betty Chastain, Marie Williamson, Don Bortle and Bill Leslie, prizes donated by TCA. Frank Held donated two gifts which were won by Frank McKenna and Mack Post.

The motion was made and seconded that old tickets for the license plate drawings be thrown out and only those present at that meeting be used. The motion carried.

A tech session followed and for sale items announced.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,







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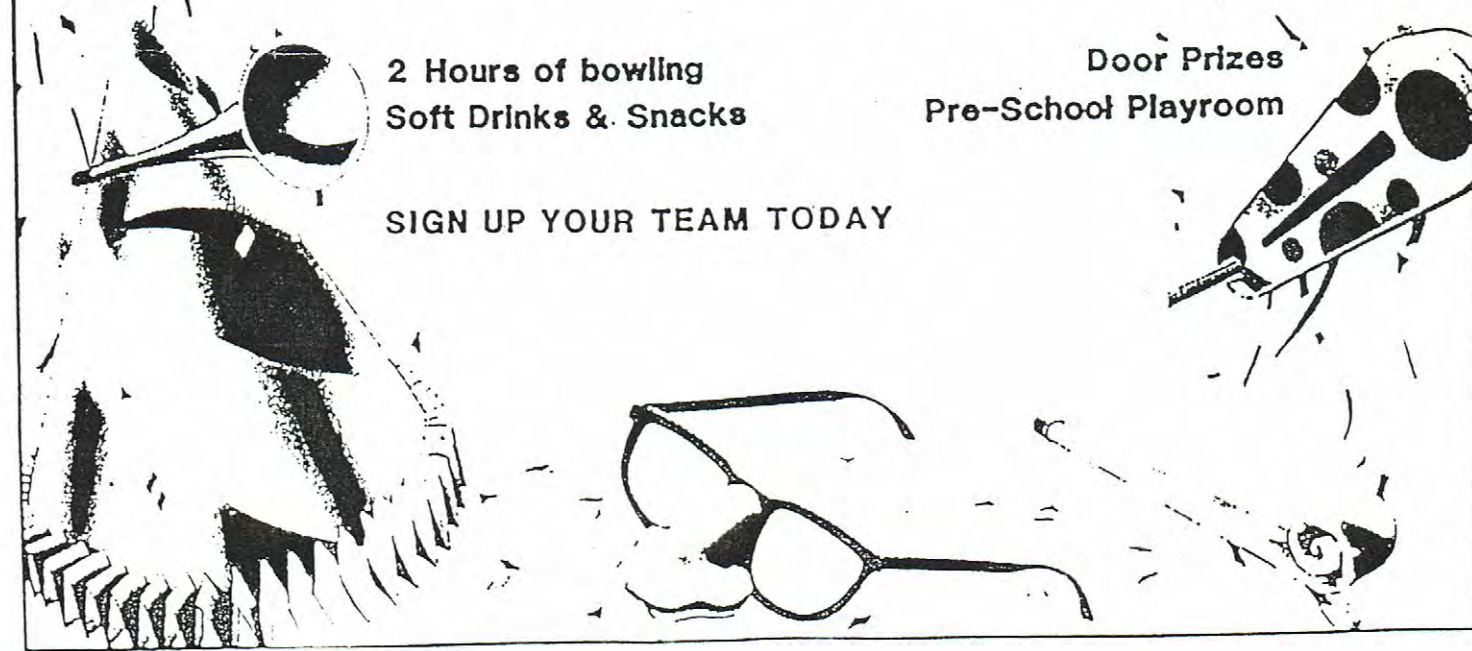
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Corvair Decade  
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## TCA CORVAIRS ARE BIG HIT AT CASA SHOW

Thanks to all who participated in the Casa de los Niños Car Show. We had a beautiful display of our cars for the 1988 show. Ten cars were shown:

Gordon Cauble	1963 Spyder Convertible
Frank McKenna	1964 Spyder Convertible
Don Chastian	1963 Coupe
Allen Elvick	1964 Monza Convertible
Allen Elvick	1960 4-Door
Bob Thompson	1964 4-Door
Alan Gray	1965 4-Door
Ray Britton	1965 Corsa Convertible
Cecil Alex	1965 Monza Coupe
Mack Post	1966 Corsa Coupe

Gordon Cauble was the event chairman.

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

The Nominating Committee has been formed to select the 1989 election slate of officers. The Committee consists of:

Bob Thompson  
Al Rivas  
Don Bortle  
Donnie Williamson



# Technical news...

## GM offers gas additive

In a Chevrolet dealer service bulletin dated May, 1988, General Motors has announced the availability of a gasoline additive for preventing exhaust valve recession in some cars and trucks.

Called GM Anti-Valve-Recession Additive and designated part number 12345492, the product is intended for use in GM cars and trucks built prior to the 1971 model year. These vehicles have engines which were designed to use leaded gasoline and may experience exhaust valve recession if

operated at high speeds and loads with unleaded gasoline. The same applies to certain trucks built for model years 1971 through 1986.

The recommended dosage is one container per tankful (20 gallons) of unleaded gasoline, which should provide valve protection equivalent to leaded gasoline with a lead concentration of 0.1 grams per gallon.

*Old Cars Weekly* thanks the whole crew of dedicated old car fans at Lewiston Auto Co., Lewiston, Minn. for providing us with this information.

Thanks to Vintage CORSA of Orange County Vintage Times

### TCA CHRISTAMS PARTY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15, 1988

Black Angus  
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No Host Bar 6:30 PM  
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Dinner includes choice of entree, Prime Rib (\$13.25) or Roasted Half Chicken (\$8.50), baked potato, California mixed vegetables, salad, roll and butter, coffee or tea.

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# TUCKER: the movie

In bringing "Tucker: The Man and His Dream" to the screen, director Francis Ford Coppola is realizing a lifelong dream. When only eight years old Coppola saw his first Tucker automobile while attending a car show with his father. This led to a persistent fascination with Preston Tucker and his efforts to build the "first completely new car in 50 years."

In making this movie Coppola, as director, again collaborated with George Lucas, as executive producer. Their 1973 release "American Graffiti" has become a "cruisin'-cult classic" depicting, as it does, authentic night street scenes of '50s and '60s small-town America. Getting together once again to treat the subject of Preston Tucker and his car is no accident. Both Coppola and Lucas are avid car enthusiasts and each owns two Tuckers.

Being able to provide the movie with four genuine Tuckers from their own collections was quite a feat, however, Lucas and Coppola realized that they would need many more to lend true authenticity to a movie on the subject.

Tom Sparks of Los Angeles-based Sparks Automotive was called upon to procure the necessary cars. With the help of the Tucker Automobile Club, Sparks was able to bring together 22 original Tuckers. This is nearly half of Tucker's total production! As part of the inducement to permit the use of their cars, Tucker owners were given free access to the movie set and were requested to drive their cars, in costume, in part of the movie.

The authentic Tuckers were fine for parade or background use in the movie, but there were other requirements to be met also. Coppola's own maroon Tucker was used in the film to portray the prototype, nicknamed the "Tin Goose." Sparks, who is also a noted car restorer, built a full-scale model of the prototype using a 1941 Oldsmobile and made it capable of being converted to any one of six stages of completion within 15 minutes. The replica was made of fiberglass with metal sections inlaid to allow filming of ham-

mering and welding scenes. Also included were levers to drop the car's suspension 12 inches for the scene in which the prototype's original aluminum suspension snaps, nearly killing two mechanics.

A total of four fiberglass replicas were built for the movie. Tom Sparks engineered the "fake" Tuckers and Mike Fennel, owner of Mike Fennel Enterprises, constructed them in his shop in Saugus, Calif. Coppola volunteered his own blue Tucker to the cause, allowing Fennel and his men to completely dismantle the car in order to make the necessary molds.

"Tucker: The Man and His Dream" is due to be released by Paramount Pictures during August of this year. It promises to be a rare treat for movie buffs and car buffs alike.

**NOTE:**

We saw this movie a couple of weeks ago and thoroughly enjoyed it. I would highly recommend it for any "car" person.

Van

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual C.H.V.A. Swap Meet & Show



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 29-30, 1988**

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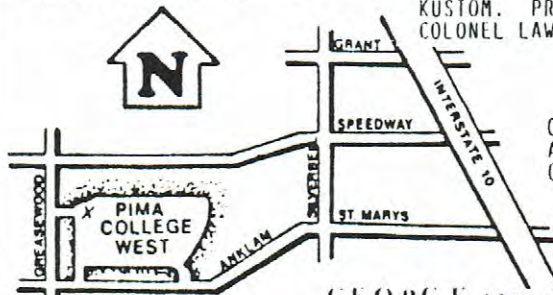
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Piccadilly Cafeteria, 6767 E. Broadway, Tucson

6:30 pm: Parking Lot Bull Session  
7:00 pm: Dinner (Optional)  
7:40 pm: Meeting Starts

COMING EVENTS

October 29-30: 11th Annual C.H.V.A. Swap Meet & Show  
Pima College West Campus (See details inside)

MID-MONTH ACTIVITY:

Saturday, November 12, 1988 - 4:00pm  
Car Club Bowling Party  
Lucky Strick Lanes  
4015 E. Speedway  
(See details inside)

TCA CHRISTMAS PARTY: Thursday, December 15, 1988 - 6:30pm  
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