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Here it is, time for a few words from the President!

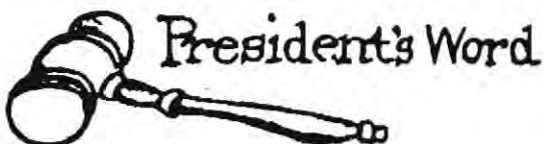
I retired 18 years ago and now I can't find enough hours in the day. Where does all the time go?

I moved to Tucson 8 years ago with all this HOT summer heat, which is a challenge to keep a Corvair engine cool. After a lot of experimenting I finally found a way to keep my Corvair oil temperature below 200 degrees of temperature with 105 degrees of pure heat, and sunshine all around. A Corvair can't run cool in stock form in 105 degrees of heat. So, after a lot of experimenting and two engines later, I finally managed to find an answer to a serious heat problem.

If the oil temperature gets above 230 degrees, there is a possibility of overheating the crankshaft bearings. Oil does not begin to break down until the temperature gets above 300 degrees, but 300 degrees will not keep crankshaft bearings from galling. One answer is to keep less pressure on the gas pedal, but my trouble is my foot is big and made of lead; despite the fact that I got an award for being a Feather-Foot for two hours of driving in an Econo-Run for 66 miles. I like to drive the speed limit - 65 MPH. The Corvair is a nice car to drive 55 MPH - it stays cool and it gives good miles per gallon, but when drivers of other cars go by 65 and 70MPH, it seems to get to you physico-chemically and you want to join the crowd. Hold that tiger! Keep your foot lightly on the gas pedal and go 65 MPH; the blower loses its effectiveness going 70 MPH in HOT weather. So, as the younger people say, "Cool It"!

Yes, I plugged an oil bypass, took off thermostat shrouds, and changed the exhaust to a 140 system. Put on two baffled mufflers, but they were too loud, so I sent to J.C. Whitney for some small, 3" x 6" x 18" oval mufflers and installed them. There is 5" to 6" of space between the mufflers and the rocker arm covers, and the heat goes down and away. EUREKA! at last I have found the acme of perfection! I can drive my Corvair in HOT weather....but the HOT weather gives my wife a Headache, so, ALAS, all is for naught.

Esther and I want to go to the Fan Belt Toss and next year to San Jose - in the Corsa, and no air conditioning....I know what I will do, I will get a box of ice to put her feet in, like we did back in the old days. If that doesn't do something for her headache, it's just too bad. We'll have to stay home.



Cecil Alex

Vice President's Column

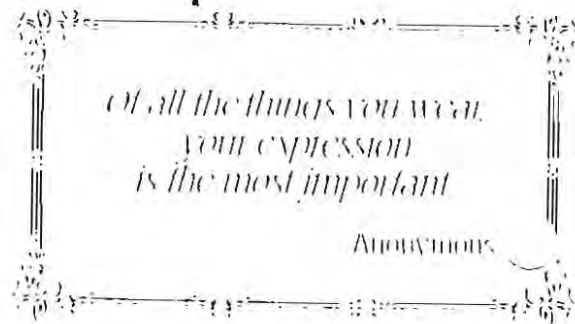
Here we are into July and no activities for this month or next month. I know its a little warm but anyone for a picnic, watch the sunset, how about a poker or economy run? It would be nice to fellowship and have a great time. If anyone has any ideas please give us a call.

Lynn and I went to Williams, Az. over the 4th of July and rode the train to the south rim of the Grand Canyon and had a great time. One of the high lights of our 600 mile trip was driving our new 66 Monza that we acquired from Cecil & Esther, the car run great and got a high of 28.5 M.P.G.

At the bottom corner of this page I'll be doing every month a "WHAT IS IT" item. For the lucky person that can tell what it is will win a prize! I'll have the answer at our monthly meeting.

I hope everyone is enjoying your summer, bring a friend and I'll see you at the meeting.

Ken Bloom



Chuckles

Sign under a wall clock in a restaurant in Gulf Shores, Ala.:

"This clock will never be stolen. The employees are always watchin' it."

And a bumper sticker seen in the same town advised: "I'm not old — I'm a recycled teenager."

One nice thing about being imperfect is the joy it brings to others.

— Author unknown

A couple of chuckles from a bulletin of St. Bede Church, Southfield, Mich.:

"Once I preached at a Lenten service in another church. I arrived early, and had an important letter to mail. I asked a young boy outside church where the post office was.

"After he told me, I said, 'If you'll come back to church tonight, you can hear me tell how to go to heaven.'

"The boy replied, 'I don't think I'll come. You don't even know the way to the post office!'"

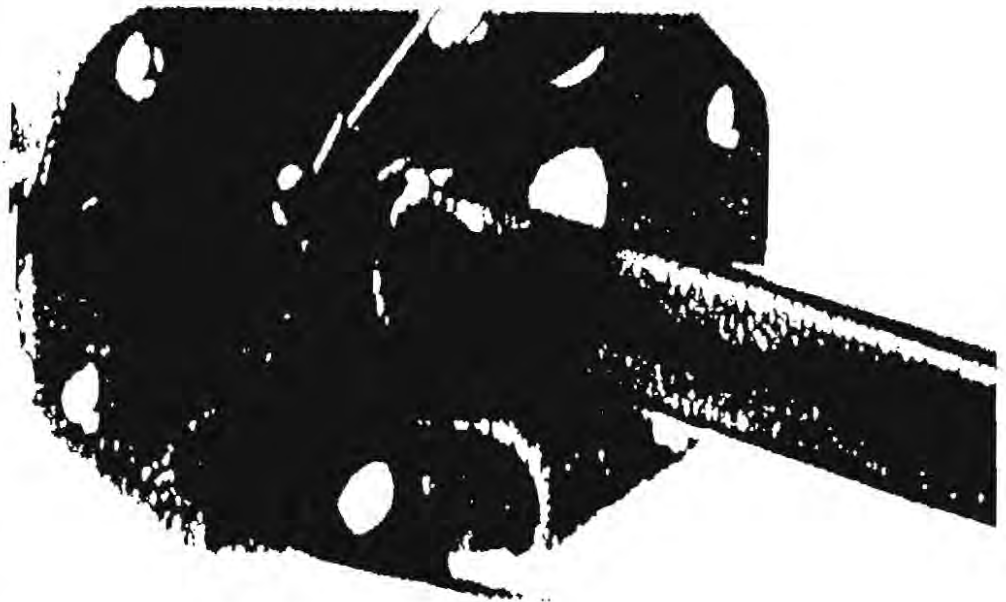
"There is an old Irish ditty that goes this way:

"To live above with the saints we love,

"ah, that is the purest glory;

"but to live below with the saints we know.

"ah, that is another story.'"



WHAT IS IT?

TUCSON CORVAIR ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Tucson Corvair Association was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President CECIL ALEX at Picadilly Cafeteria on Wednesday, June 24, 1992.

Visitors were: ROB SABAL and JIM COON.

Secretary's report was accepted as published in the CORVAIRSATION.

DON ROBINSON reported that jackets should be in this week; also, he has a few 2257 light bulbs.

RON ALLEN reported that the Christmas checks had been deposited now, and that we have \$808 plus in the treasury.

GORDON CAUBLE announced that the Clark's Catalog was now ready (1992-1995). A packet of four different catalogs are obtainable as a packet for \$5. Order from Clark's.

MARCY TUCKER says that if there are any membership problems, to contact her. Membership records are being arranged.

ED SANFORD announced that it was his (and Carol's) wedding anniversary. He also stated that he had picked together a number of Corvair parts in his garage, and they are for sale as a lot for \$450.

BARRY CUNNINGHAM'S tech subject was Shock Absorbers. He emphasized the importance of making sure that shock absorbers be of the same color when used on the same pair of wheels.

LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS of the evening were:

NAOMI GRIFFITH (License plate)	AL CRISPIN
JOSH DEWITT	BOB EGGERS

The following people have promised to supply Raffle Prizes in July:

JIM WILSON	JOSH DEWITT	RON ALLEN
BILL LESLIE	LARRY DANDRIDGE	CECIL ALEX

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Verne Cauble
VERNE CAUBLE, Secy.

*Straight From
Our Secretary's
Pen*



12 Corvairs

36 people present

AS RALLYS GO

TCA Rally - May 17, 1992. The hottest rally we've ever had ... it was 99'!!

All of the contestants were cool enough to stay on course or at least find their way back on course and finish the rally in a reasonable time.

The rally started at El Con with the odometer leg extending south and west until it ended at the San Xavier Mission. Thirty minutes later the rally took drivers up Mission Road and into the Tucson Mountains. Rewards included many beautiful desert and mountain vistas.

The route then curved along River Road and Rollercoaster, up Via Entrada and Campbell Ave., down Camino Real and back into town. Final Destination was JB's at Broadway and Tucson Blvd. where we all arrested our thirst and hunger.

Vern and Ruth (Naomi) Griffith were first and very accurate. The missed the first check point by one second (out of 59 minutes and 29 seconds). Wow!!!

Second place went to Larry and Curtis Hunker and third to Cecil and Ester Alex.

Congratulations to all and thanks for a fun day.

The Rallymasters
Sue and Don Robinson

THE SOURCE

Larry Dandridge made a few calls around town and found that the following places have or usually have Corvairs and/or Corvair parts for sale. This list just might save you a little time when you're looking for that special part.

Ben & Son
4260 E. Illinois
748-1444

Gordon Cauble
5950 N. Camino Arizpe
299-1122

Arizona Auto Wrecking
5561 S. Park Ave.
889-0461

Drake & Son Used Auto Parts
4220 E. Illinois
748-8734

Jerry's Auto Recycling
4801 E. Cindrigh
574-0555

Sanford & Sons
3721 S. Country Club
792-1811

Barry Cunningham
3725 E. 32nd St
747-9028

Action Auto & Truck Parts
4301 E. Illinois
790-3600

Arrow Auto Parts
4370 E. Illinois
624-0294

Jack Rabbit Towing & Salvage
4830 E. Cindrigh
574-9400

Mission Auto Parts
5001 E. Drexel
547-0360

All Right Auto
5251 E. Drexel
574-0888

The Crowd-Pleasing Corvair

By Bob Marlow

I've been involved with open-wheel auto racing for over 20 years, and during the summer of 1983 I worked with the public relations office of Hersheypark in Pennsylvania on a series of racing events in the Hershey Stadium. Scheduled amongst the racing events was an appearance by the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show, a venerable troupe of stunt drivers. It was on the night of the Chitwood show at Hershey that I encountered the "Crowd-Pleasing Corvair."

Because the Chitwood show is organized mayhem, not racing, I didn't take it very seriously. But the show is 40 years old, and that's got to say something. So I arrived early that day, ready to help promote the event and tend to details. Immediately upon my arrival at the Stadium, I spotted a '65 Monza sedan parked in the infield, near a Nova and a Hornet that were obviously the "sacrificial lambs" for the stunt crashes. "Oh, no," I thought, "they're going to wreck a Corvair." I walked over to the car to see if it was worth saving from this fate.

I quickly discovered that it was not destined to be crashed at all. The car was equipped with an array of special gadgets and was clearly a regular part of the show. It had a hydraulically-operated front passenger door that hinged at the bottom, fireworks and explosive devices hidden in its bumpers, and a series of cables and levers leading from the controls to the trunk. A stuntman, lying in the trunk of the car, could view the road ahead through a false headlight and drive the car using these control cables. The car was a Powerglide, and the dash lever made for an easy conversion to trunk-control.



Joie Chitwood Clown Car

And, of course, only the Corvair has a man-sized front trunk.

From the outside, the car looked stock and, well, average. It was white in color, and the entire Chitwood fleet of stunt cars were new, white Chevrolets, except for the "sacrificial lambs." I snapped away at the Corvair with my camera, and proceeded with my work.

During the course of the Chitwood show, a hobo-style clown performs stunts and gags during the time that the crew is setting up each act. The clown and Chitwood's announcer trade banter, with the clown trying to duplicate each preceding stunt, usually with resounding failure. As the final act, a shot-from-a-cannon car leap, is being set up, the clown drives the Corvair onto the track and climbs from it, proudly.

"What is *that*?" the announcer implores.

"That's a classic Corvair!" the clown replies.

"A classic Corvair?" the announcer trumpets on the public address system.

"Yup," says the clown, "I restored it myself!" His "restoration" consists of cheap white paint, by the way.

And, as the announcer and the clown continue to carry on, the Corvair begins to lead a life of its own. Driven by the unseen man in the trunk, the car follows the clown down the track, then proceeds quickly in reverse like a frightened puppy when the clown yells at it. As soon as the car begins to operate without a driver, children are drawn to it. They swarm the fence, looking for a reason that this car can drive on its own. So, with a mighty kaboom from the explosives, the passenger door bursts open, clearly revealing the empty front seat and floor. The kids love it. Fireworks burst forth from all corners, sirens scream, and the clown chases his car off the track.

The Corvair has been a hit with the crowd, and the finale stunt proceeds. Loaded on a trailer with Citations and Cavaliers and Camaros, the Corvair is taken to another town for another show. Who knows how many it has done since the Chitwood troupe first got the ideas, and how many will it do before it is retired for a different gag?

I first saw the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show as a kid, in the old Polo Grounds in New York. The time was the 50s, and the new white Chevrolets were what are now valuable collectibles. The show itself hasn't changed much over the years, but the Corvair has been added. It may not be there too much longer; if the show makes an appearance near your home, maybe you should check it out.

CORSA COMMUNIQUE/June 1984



How Many Corvairs?

1960 - Total Production 250,007

Corvair coupe model 527	14,628
Corvair sedan model 569	47,683
Corvair 700 coupe model 727	36,567
Corvair 700 sedan model 769	139,208
Monza 900 coupe model 927	11,926

1961 - Total Production 329,632

500 coupe model 527	16,857
500 sedan model 569	18,752
Lakewood 500 wagon model 535	5,591
700 coupe model 727	24,786
700 sedan model 769	51,948
Lakewood 700 wagon model 735	20,451
Monza coupe model 927	109,945
Monza sedan model 969	33,745
Greenbrier model R1206	18,489
95 Corvan model R1205	15,806
95 Rampside model R1254	10,787
95 Loadside model R1244	2,475

1962 - Total Production 328,500

500 coupe model 527	16,245
700 coupe model 727	18,474
700 sedan model 769	35,368
700 wagon model 735	3,716
Monza coupe model 927	151,738
Monza sedan model 969	48,059
Monza wagon model 935	2,362
Monza convertible model 967	16,569
Greenbrier model R1206	18,007
95 Corvan model R1205	13,491
95 Rampside model R1254	4,102
95 Loadside model R1244	369

1963 - Total Production 281,539

500 coupe model 527	16,680
700 coupe model 727	12,378
700 sedan model 769	20,684
Monza coupe model 927	129,544
Monza sedan model 969	31,120
Monza convertible model 967	44,165
Greenbrier model R 1206	13,761
95 Corvan model R1205	11,161
95 Rampside model R1254	2,046

1964 - Total Production 207,114

500 coupe model 527	22,968
700 sedan model 769	16,295
Monza coupe model 927	88,440
Monza sedan model 969	21,926
Monza convertible model 967	31,045

Spyder coupe model 627	6,480
Spyder convertible model 667	4,761
Greenbrier model R1206	8,201
95 Corvan model R1205	8,147
95 Rampside model R1254	851

1965 - Total Production 237,056

500 coupe model 10137	36,747
500 sedan model 10139	17,560
Monza coupe model 10537	88,954
Monza sedan model 10539	37,157
Monza convertible model 10567	26,466
Corsa coupe model 10737	20,291
Corsa convertible model 10767	8,353
Greenbrier model R1208	1,528

1966 - Total Production 103,745

500 coupe model 10137	24,045
500 sedan model 10139	8,779
Monza coupe model 10537	37,606
Monza sedan model 10539	12,497
Monza convertible model 10567	10,345
Corsa coupe model 10737	7,330
Corsa convertible model 10767	3,142

1967 - Total Production 27,253

500 coupe model 10137	9,257
500 sedan model 10139	2,959
Monza coupe model 10537	9,771
Monza sedan model 10539	3,157
Monza convertible model 10567	2,109

1968 - Total Production 15,399

500 coupe model 10137	7,206
Monza coupe model 10537	6,807
Monza convertible model 10567	1,386

1969 - Total Production 8,000

500 coupe model 10137	2,111
Monza coupe model 10537	2,717
Monza convertible model 10567	521

1962 - 1963 Spyder Option

1962 Spyder coupe	6,894
1962 Spyder convertible	2,574
1963 Spyder coupe	11,627
1963 Spyder convertible	7,472

Corsa 180 hp Turbocharged Engine Option

1965	7,206	1966	1,951
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Total 1960 - 1969 Production 1,786,243

Source: Chevrolet Motor Div via Corvair Society of America

Fun facts

Inland Northwest Corvair Club

Did you know that all Corvair cars were longer than the vans & pickups for the same model year?

May 14, 1969 was the date that the last Corvair rolled off the assembly line.

That the least produced Corvair was the 1962 Loadside pickup (369).

That the most produced model was the 1962 Monza coupe (151,738).

48,927 Corvairs were produced in Canada from 1960 thru 1966 (the last year made there).

Chevrolet Trivia

by Rick Neal

1. What was the first year you could purchase a V-8 engine in a Chevy II as a regular production option?

A. 1964 B. 1966 C. 1962

2. What was the last Corvair Convertible with a list price of under \$2500?

3. What was the last year that Corvette featured an opening decklid?



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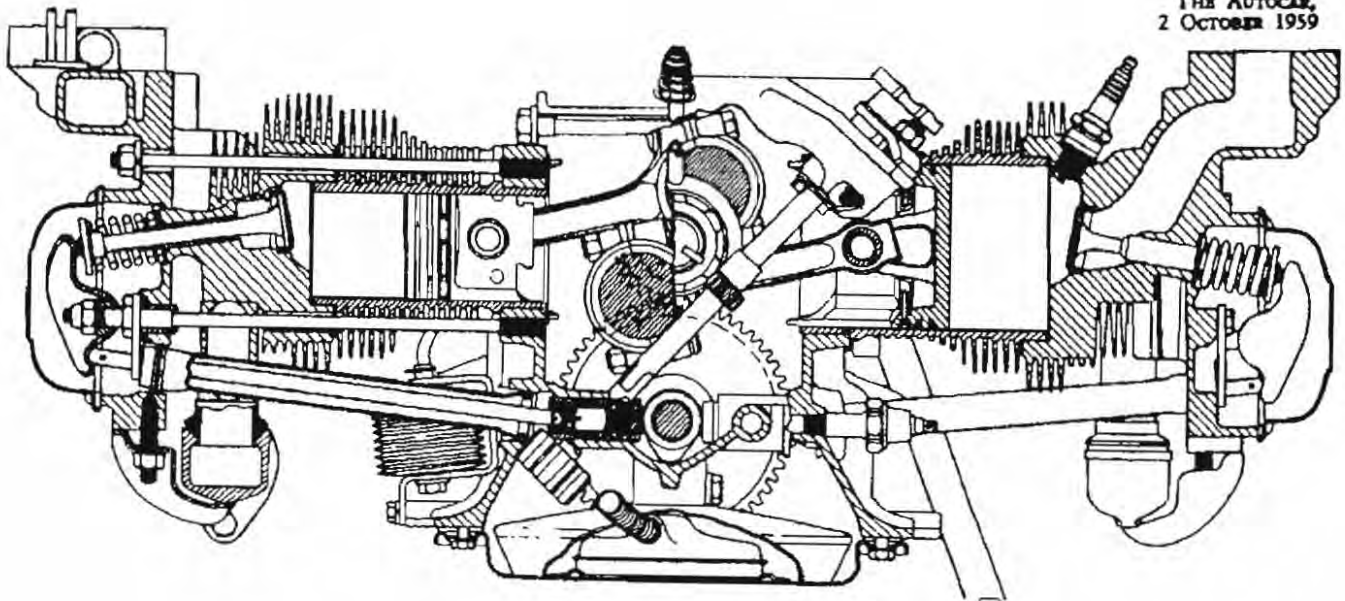
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FOURTH WEDNESDAY of each month (except December)

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

JULY & AUGUST NO ACTIVITIES

Dues Reminder – Check the mailing label below – yours may be due!

Regular Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, July 22, 1992
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