

Where were you in '62?

Cactus Corvair Club hosts Phoenix Mini

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Where was I in '62? Why I was in high school in central Florida. Where were you? And where was I in '82? Well, I was in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 16, 17, 18 to help the Cactus Corvair Club celebrate their 20th birthday!

And what a weekend it was as 168 official registrants representing 22 CORSA Chapters plus unaffiliated CORSA members from six states attended the CORSA-sanctioned mini-convention hosted by Cactus Corvair Club.

Things started happening Friday morning with registration and flea marketeers with the remainder of the day sort of laid back in the beautiful Arizona spring weather (spelled s-u-m-m-e-r to you northerners!). That evening 172 people attended the 60's Party with a group of attendees dressed in authentic 60's attire. A trivia contest was conducted as those at the party watched a super slide presentation and listened to music and commercials on KCCC radio (Get it? K-Cactus-Corvair-Club, snicker!). Bruce Allred of San Joaquin CORSA scored 73 points to win the contest, just beating out Lynda Lange of the host club who scored 72. Third place went to Ron Norquist of Rocky Mountain CORSA with 66. It was a tough quiz with both Corvair and non-Corvair trivia.

Following the party, a large group took a



Remember when?

skyline tour of Phoenix and saw some spectacular scenery as the city lights stretched from horizon to horizon. (Reminiscent of the 60's, we found some great "parking" places...but never did see any of the submarines in the race!).

Things began a little more in earnest Saturday



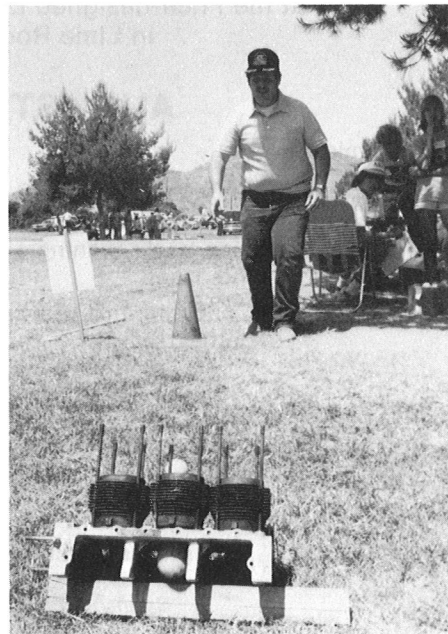
morning as attendees voted for their favorites in the parking lot beauty contest while concours entrants feverishly finished their cars prior to judging. Members of the Tucson Corvair Club conducted the concours using CORSA rules and did a superb job! It was one of the most efficiently run concours I have attended and the one with the least number of complaints (which you always get!), particularly when you consider that it was an officially sanctioned event. The stakes were high as 32 entrants competed for Seniors Division promotions. Bob Lamb of Cerritos, CA, and a member of Vintage CORSA took a class win in Early Street Stock - Open with his '64 Spyder, scoring 91.06 and earning the only promotion to Seniors Division given at the event. Frank McKenna's Senior's Division Early Open '64 Spyder scored 93.38 to take best of show. Frank is a member of the Tucson club that conducted the concours and you better believe that he got a thorough going over but even with the extra tough judging still came out on top.

While the concours was going on, a large number of people competed in the various games. They were tough! Since I was somewhat laid up, I couldn't ride the three-wheeler through the slalom course, but I did try all the other events scoring a TOTAL of zero (spelled 0) points.

Saturday evening, 275 people trekked out to



Fan Belt toss...



Ball toss...



Tricycle Slalom...

the local race track Turf Paradise (horses, not cars!) for an excellent buffet banquet. Former GM staffer Bob Benzinger, who spoke at the San



Bob Benzinger

Diego Convention in 1978, was the guest speaker. Bob detailed his experiences with Corvair testing and evaluation and gave us a lot of "inside scoop" on Corvair production.

Besides the 12,138 (give or take a few thousand) door prizes given away, the highlight of the evening was the presentation of concours



Concours winners...

TROPHIES & AWARDS

Trivia Contest

1. Bruce Allred, San Joaquin CORSA - 73 pts.
2. Lynda Lange, Cactus Corvairs - 72 pts.
3. Ron Norquist, Rocky Mtn. CORSA - 66 pts.

Parking Lot Beauty Contest

Early Open - AZ 5312 (H.V.) Owner not located

Early Closed - Alton Luken, Valley CORSA

Late Open - Ken Sneed, Cactus Corvair Club

Late Closed - Walter Davidson, Rocky Mountain CORSA

Forward Control - Garth Pollard, Modesto, CA

Games

Ball Toss

1. Harold Eigerman
2. Herbert Gibbs
3. Greg Nachor

trophies.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear (so what else is new?) and competitors scrambled to get their cars ready for the slalom and gymkhana events. Held in the parking lot of the fabulous Metro Center Mall, the slalom was without a doubt the most professionally run event I have ever been to and the course was a challenge to even the most seasoned Solo II competitors.

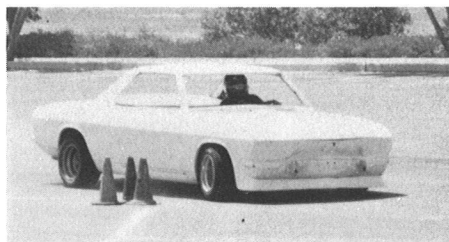
The gymkhana saw 24 entries with the Tom



Schrum/Ande Lange team winning the sedan class and John & Elaina Lee winning the FC class. Both winning teams were from Cactus Corvairs. (Hum?)

Competition in the slalom was tough in all classes except Pure Stock 5 (Forward Control) as John Lee fairly swept the event. Since he was the only competitor, it really wasn't that hard. (In all fairness though, he really put his FC through its paces and his times were respectable for even some of the car classes!) But the climax of the day

was Harlan Colburn's third run turning a 58.051 with no penalties to earn Fast-Time-of-the-Day!



FTD in the making...

All during the three-day event, competitors could run the informal rally that gave each one an excellent tour of Phoenix and the surrounding area. Seventeen participants ran the course with Tom & Pam Schrum scoring 53 points to win the event.

The conclusion of the events came Sunday afternoon when trophies were presented for slalom and gymkhana plus the overall participation trophy, aptly called the "Golden Fanbelt Award." The Golden Fanbelt Award is similar to the national Ed Cole Award and is given for overall participation and scoring. Local club member Tom Schrum scored 629.25 points (of a maximum 730) to take home the gold. Besides fighting his hayfever the whole time, Tom won the



Other trophy winners...

Tricycle Slalom

1. Bob Piper
2. John Lee
3. Linda Eastburn

Fanbelt Toss

1. Linda Eastburn
2. Tracy Lange
3. Bruce Allen

Plug Throw

1. Pam Stone
2. Greg Nachor
3. Jim Silvay, Jr.

Rally

1. Tom & Pam Schrum, Cactus Corvair - 53 pts.
2. John & Elaina Lee, Cactus Corvair - 551 pts.
3. Lew & Ruth Richel, San Diego - 1306 pts.

Gymkhana

Sedan Class

1. Tom Schrum/Ande Lange, Cactus Corvair - 168.0 pts.
2. Dean Hansen/Herb Berkman, CORSA West - 182.0 pts.

3. Jim Silvay/Jim Silvay, Jr., Cactus Corvair — 197.2 pts.

Van

1. John Lee/Elaina Lee, Cactus Corvair - 390.0 pts.

Hard Luck Award

1. Barney Smith, Rocky Mountain CORSA - Wheel Bearing & Fire
2. Marsh Hesler, San Diego - Broken Axle

Long Distance Award (Miles driven in a Corvair)

1. Fred Owens
2. Marvin Coombs

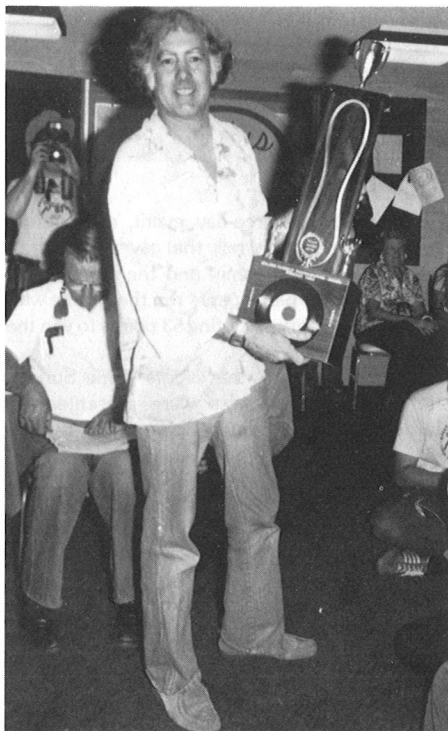
Club Participation (Members x miles)

1. Rocky Mountain CORSA
2. (Tie) - Valley CORSA/San Francisco Bay Area Corvairs

Golden Fanbelt Award (Individual Participation)

1. Tom Schrum, Cactus Corvair - 629.25 pts.
2. Lew Rishel, San Diego - 523.44 pts.
3. John Lee, Cactus Corvair - 495.00 pts.

Rally, won the Gymkhana, won his class in the Slalom, won his class in the Concours, participated in the games and all other events. It was a well-deserved award! Congratulations, Tom!

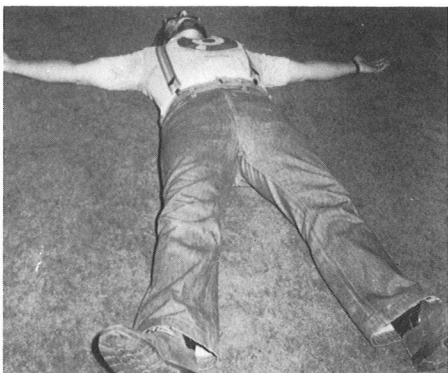


Tom Schrum, Golden Fanbelt winner

All-in-all, it was an excellent event and well-run by co-chairpersons Dave and Gail Albani. They sure got my weekend off to a good start when they picked me up at the airport. Since they didn't pick me up in a Corvair, I guess they made a good second choice when they arrived in a beautiful 1958 Cadillac Fleetwood limosine (black, what else!). They sure turned some heads at the airport. Talk about the red carpet treatment! Thanks Gail & Dave for the hospitality!



OK, guys, the next Phoenix Mini is scheduled for 1984. Plan now because you don't want to miss it!



Wake up, Bob, it's over!

Concours

Place	Entrant	Points	Model	Club
Early Street Stock - Open				
‡1	Bob Lamb	*91.06	'64 Spyder	Vintage CORSA
2	Larry Steward	87.38	'62 Monza	No. Arizona Corvair
3	Jim Brand	83.0	'62 Monza	
Early Street Stock - Closed				
‡1	Frank Perkins	88.19	'64 Spyder	
Late Factory Stock				
‡1	Larry Brown	87.5	'69 Monza	Rocky Mountain
Late & Radical Engineering				
‡1	Tim Shevlin	83.38	'66 Corsa (V-8)	Vintage CORSA
2	Don Fletcher	77.94	'78 Sebring	Cactus Corvair Club
Late Custom				
‡1	Harry Bennett	84.88	'66 Corsa	Cactus Corvair Club
2	Warren Apgar	72.31	'65 Corsa	Cactus Corvair Club
Early Forward Control				
‡1	Paul DeJong	80.06	'62 Rampside	
2	Chuck Upton	74.44	'64 Corvan (95)	No. Arizona Corvair
3	Warren Apgar	72.25	'63 Greenbrier	Cactus Corvair Club
Early Modified				
‡1	Greg LaCrosse	83.63	'64 Monza	Cactus Corvair Club
2	Richard Eastburn	69.25	'62 Monza	
Late Modified Closed				
‡1	Herb Berkman	88.88	'65 Corsa	CORSA West
‡2	Bob Thompson	87.50	'67 Monza	
‡3	Don Matthews	86.06	'69 Monza	Valley/SFBA
4	Jon Peterson	84.31	'65 Monza	Cactus Corvair Club
5	Lew Richel	83.44	'69 Monza	San Diego Corvair
6	Emanuel Nachor	82.81	'69 Monza	Cactus Corvair Club
7	Larry Shapiro	79.69	'65 Corsa	
8	Jack Irwin	77.06	'69 Monza	
9	Sharon Palmer	75.88	'65 Monza	
Late Modified Open				
‡1	Don Leamon	71.0	'65 Monza	No. Arizona Corvair
Late Street Stock Open				
‡1	Oscar Rupe	87.63	'65 Corsa	Vintage CORSA
Late Street Stock Closed				
‡1	Bill Pate	81.50	'69 Monza	No. Arizona Corvair
2	Herb Beard	80.81	'65 Monza	Inland Empire
Senior Ultra Van				
‡1	Dean Hansen	88.88	'69 Ultra Van	CORSA West
Senior Forward Control				
‡1	Tom Schrum	89.25	'63 Greenbrier	Cactus Corvair Club
Senior Late				
‡1	Joe Desimone	92.94	'68 Monza	
Senior Early Open				
‡1	Frank McKenna	93.38	'64 Spyder	Tucson Corvair
2	Nancy Dashkovitz	91.38	'63 Spyder	Cactus Corvair Club
Judges Awards				
Best Interior-Tom Schrum		'63 Greenbrier	Cactus Corvair Club	
Best Exterior-Jon Peterson		'65 Monza	Cactus Corvair Club	
Best Engine Compartment		Tom Schrum	'63 Greenbrier	Cactus Corvair Club
Best Undercarriage -		Bob Lamb	'64 Spyder	Vintage CORSA
Best of Show				
Frank McKenna		'64 Spyder Conv.	Tucson Corvair	

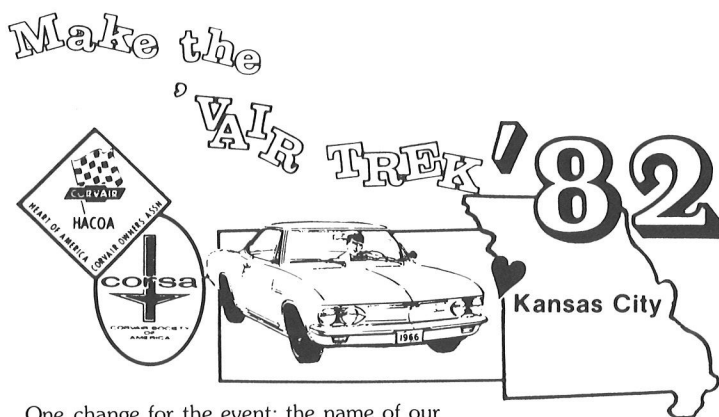
‡ — denotes trophy winner * — Bob Lamb's '64 Spyder Conv. promoted to Senior Class

CACTUS CORVAIR CLUB MINI-CONVENTION

Slalom Results

O/A	DRIVER	CAR	CLUB	1st TIME	2nd TIME	3rd TIME	4th TIME
PURE STOCK — 3							
*1	Lew Rishel	'69 Monza	San Diego	79.686-0	78.198-0	75.081-0	75.357-0
PURE STOCK — 4							
*1	Marvin Katz	'65 Corsa	CORSA West	78.133-0	(off.)-DNF	67.409-0	(off.)-DNF
2	Dean Hansen	'65 Corsa	CORSA West	72.942-DNF	70.738-0	84.748-DNF	69.513-0
3	Bertha Katz	'65 Corsa	CORSA West	40.245-DNF	192.59-DNF	94.376-0	80.154-0
4	Larry Shapiro	'65 Corsa	CORSA West	93.149-DNF	74.008-DNF	71.641-DNF	70.095-DNF
PURE STOCK — 5							
*1	John Lee	'61 Greenbrier	Cactus Corvair	78.112-0	80.824-0	73.874-0	76.547-1
IMPROVED STOCK — 2							
*1	Tom Schrum	'66 Monza	Cactus Corvair	63.996-DNF	69.903-0	70.074-0	69.694-0
2	Mike Downey	'65 Corsa	Cactus Corvair	57.947-DNF	43.797-DNF	75.683-0	74.713-0
3	Pam Schrum	'66 Monza	Cactus Corvair	59.720-DNF	69.227-DNF	84.201-2	79.022-0
IMPROVED STOCK — 3							
*1	Vance Piper	'62 Monza	Valley CORSA	47.737-DNF	78.402-0	70.057-0	68.699-0
2	Ed Brady	'66 Corvair	Cactus Corvair	62.895-0	64.191-1	61.567-0	59.775-0
3	Dick Downey	'65 Corsa	Cactus Corvair	73.915-DNF	72.583-DNF	82.998-0	71.944-0
STREET MODIFIED							
*1	Herb Berkman	'65 Corsa	CORSA West	64.972-0	64.824-0	63.104-0	73.501-3
2	Curt Stanley	'65 Corsa	Cactus Corvair	66.776-0	68.712-0	64.319-0	67.261-0
3	Seth Emerson	'65 Corsa	Valley CORSA	78.310-0	68.364-0	65.320-0	64.372-0
4	Harry Bennett	'66 Conv.	Cactus Corvair	71.086-DNF	73.112-DNF	72.539-0	70.726-0
COMPETITION CLASS							
*1	Harlan Colburn	'65 Turbo	Rocky Mtn.	62.068-0	59.259-0	58.051-0**	58.580-0
2	Warren Apper	'65 Corsa	Cactus Corvair	60.744-0	59.360-0	59.355-0	58.752-0
3	Mike Helt	'61 - 500	Cactus Corvair	61.630-0	63.174-0	60.480-0	62.832-0
4	George Cap	'65 Monza	Bonneville	64.152-0	64.417-0	66.991-2	62.767-0
SPECIALTY CLASS							
*1	Timothy Shevlin	'66 Corsa	Vintage CORSA	103.837-0	69.616-0	70.393-0	69.605-0

* denotes trophy
 ** Fast time of day
 DNF - Did Not Finish



One change for the event: the name of our host, Glenwood Manor, has been changed to **Regency Park**. Facelifting and improvements to facilities have been completed this spring, and Heart of America Corvair Owners' Association is ready to offer you the best in hospitality combined with the quality of a CORSA Sanctioned Regional Convention. See you in K.C.!

CORSA SANCTIONED REGIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 17-19

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 17

Registration Hospitality Room
 Judges' Meeting
 Classification of Cars
 Concours Judging

Friday, June 18

Tech Session (Stinger Racing)
 Autocross Memorabilia Display
 Gymkhana Lakeside Cookout

Saturday, June 19

Swap Meet Style Show
 Corvair Caravan and Tour
 Awards Banquet

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