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VEGAS VAIRS - CORSA Chapter #891
August 13, 2014 - Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

1. - V.P Chuck Hanson opened the meeting at 6:55 pm. President Paul Green was participating at the *Bonneville Speed Trials*.
2. - 15 members were in attendance. In alphabetical order they were Paul & Vicki Bernardo, Kevin Britt, John Charaska, Jerry Chocek, Chuck Hanson, Stephen Hendricks, Vic Howard, Marty Katz, Jack O'shea, Bill Peterson, Harry Ransom, Arlon & Suzan Sibert, and Bob Soliday. We had one guest, a Mr. Peter Bohni, a friend of the Bernardos all the way from Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
3. - Vic Howard reported \$496.86 in the club treasury.
4. - The July 9, 2014 minutes were reviewed and accepted.
5. - Of major interest was a review of the recent national CORSA convention in Tacoma, WA. First and foremost, there were only two days of rain. Most felt it was a bit disorganized. Car trailers had to be parked downtown on a DIRT lot with no security and not at the host hotel. On a positive note Marty & Bertha Katz received a concourse judging score of 95.09 points for their '64 yellow *Spyder* convertible.
6. - Next there was a discussion of the huge *Hot August Nights* rolling car show.
7. - Upcoming events reviewed included the VMCCA show (Jim Marsh 10/25), the Eureka *Rod Run* show (Mesquite - 8/29-31), the Red Rocks show (Utah - 9-28), the *Dust Devils* show (Los Prados C.C. - 10/18) and the *Great Western Fan Belt Toss* in Palm Springs 10/24-25.
8. - It was announced that Marty Katz sold his blue *Lakewood* to Paul Bernardo.
9. - The changes to the club by-laws regarding the combined positions of Treasurer and Secretary were reviewed and accepted.
10. - Regarding the fall picnic:
 - A. - Using a city park (again) could be "iffy" and "tricky."
 - B. - There were no volunteers (yet) to HOST the picnic at their own home.
 - C. - Both Vic Howard & Harry Ransom simultaneously suggested we consider going to a casino buffet instead. There would be no pre-buying, no cooking, and no threat of rain or SPRINKLERS! There was some support generated for this new approach to our semi-annual gathering.
 - D. - Both the location and type of venue will HAVE to determined at the September 10th. meeting. ALSO, there will be a final vote as to the DATE. The two alternates chosen were October 11th. or November 1st. These two Saturdays were in least conflict with other popular events.
11. - No raffle was initiated.
12. - V.P. Chuck Hanson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

- - - Minutes submitted by G.H.Ransom (*Cora's Daddy*)

~HOT AUGUST NIGHTS~
THE 28th ANNUAL EDITION
Report & Photos By G. H. Ransom

Wow, 1986 seems like a long time ago; and it was. Oh my how this happening has grown and flourished. Always billed as a celebration of the automobile and (real) rock-n-roll *Hot August Nights (HAN)* has continually evolved through the years and eventually became the largest *ROLLING* car show in North America; or possibly, the world?

It has always taken place somewhere between the end of July and the first week of August in Reno, Sparks, Lake Tahoe South, and Carson City, Nevada. Spectators literally watch the hands of time go back to the 50s, 60s, and early 70s in this northwestern portion of the Silver State.

Many claims are made as to the number of classic rides that show up. I'll wimp out and just declare that it's huge. Official registration is now (I believe) limited to 6,500 "formal" cruisers. Besides the usual perks for entering one's car you are allowed entrance to the major hotel gathering points *only* if you have that *official HAN* windshield sticker AFFIXED to your glass. That same badge also allows you to participate in the grand finale parade down Virginia Street on the final Sunday morning. It's pay to play and all that bit.

What's on your bucket list? At *HAN* you can partake of 1/8 mile drags, an autocross, a sock hop, craft fairs and exhibitions, a huge swap meet, watch and hear headline entertainers, drool at the Barret-Jackson Auction, see show-n-shines all around Washoe County, and of course, see and hear all that glorious breathtaking hardware rolling by. It's the "Church of Vintage Tin" and services are held non stop for about ten days! Whether you're a spectator or participant, any type of automotive enthusiast can still relish those bygone decades that spawned America's unique and sexy style of motoring.

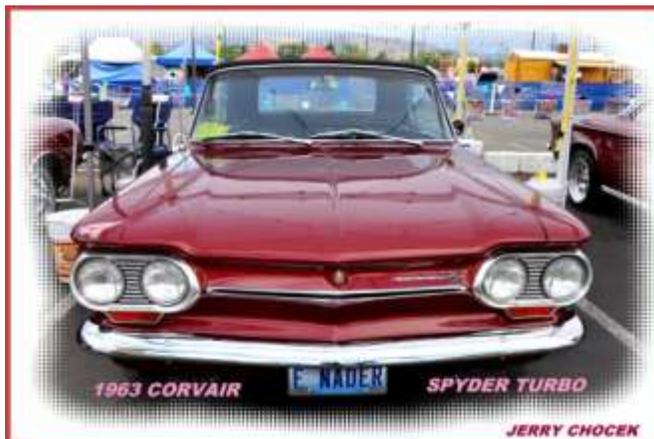
Sixty years ago things weren't perfect; not politically, or socially.

But, it WAS a more innocent time AND, by today's degraded standards, a superior and more refined way of life.



Check out **HAN** next year. It's not so much an event as it is a happening. Chrome is **STILL** king. Doo-wop y'all. Beam us **BACK** Scotty. I love the sound of open headers in the morning.

So many cars (really) - so little time. No, **MAKE** the time!



Ice Cream in Iowa – Childhood Memories Influence Members’ Choice “Car of the Week”, a 1965 Chevy Corvair Monza

This entry was posted in [Awards Car of the Week Member Choice](#) and tagged [1965 Chevy Corvair Monza](#) [Cars and Coffee Las Vegas](#) [crocus](#) [yellow](#) [henderson](#) [las vegas](#) on [August 18, 2014](#) by [syvar](#).

By Travis Mitchell

Imagine it’s a mid-summer day in July, early 1970’s something. The sun is beaming rays of delight onto the cornfields in Iowa. The sea of green and gold meets the horizon, the colors dancing in the breeze. A white rail-fence corrals a John Deer tractor and a storybook red barn with white trim perched on a slight knoll down the dirt driveway. A horse whinnies, kicks its back legs, and gives an agitated nod to a truck as it sputters by. Off in the distance a dog barks his warning to anybody who will listen. All around the smell of country is in the air. A few miles away are the neighborhoods of “Small Town, USA”. In one of those neighborhoods, a young seven year old boy scurries excitedly from the front door of his home with his two sisters in tow. They pile into the back seat of the family car, a 1963 Chevy Corvair. He’s energetic, bouncing about, enthused about the upcoming ride. Today is a rare day, one of the few times the lad and his family will visit the local Dairy Queen, and ice cream will be the treat of the day..



Similar memories were swimming in the mind of a Civitan Car Club volunteer, August 16, 2014, during Cars and Coffee Las Vegas. The club member said his mind raced there when he saw a 1965 convertible Chevy Corvair Monza glide into a parking spot at the weekly car show. The memory landed him in a distant place near Council Bluffs, IA, where he, a young Tom

Schnitker, now Civitan Car Club Board Member, had one of his first memories about their Corvair. It was his mom's first car, still owned by the family today.

Times were a little simpler back then and so were the cars. The luxury of dining out or taking a trip to the local DQ for ice cream was fairly uncommon, as were luxury options and upgrades for cars, especially the popular Chevy Corvair. That's why, when Tom found out this Corvair had every factory option available: convertible; automatic transmission; air conditioning; window tint; wood telescopic steering wheel; and the expensive and rare AM/FM Radio, he had to select it as the Civitan Car Club Members' Choice "Car of the Week".

Tom isn't the only one enthused about the Chevy Corvair. In fact, the car's owner, Bob Soliday, has 3 of them. His "red one" is even modified to accommodate a 350 Chevy small block. Bob says that particular car scares him a bit, even though he's owned a number of fast cars during his many years of driving. He noted that it drives like the old electric slot car racers, though he smirked when he said he's never fishtailed in it.



This week's members' choice pick is a rare find, especially since, according to Bob, it's 100% all factory and all original, sporting the crocus yellow paint color. Bob purchased the car in 2011 with a reference book type of understanding of the car's history. He noted, as he discussed the car with its new admirer, Tom, that the vehicle was ordered by the owner of a Chevrolet dealership in Hampton, VA, and that the dealer was insistent that he have every option possible.

The 1965 Corvair saw a substantial change in body style from the earlier Corvair models, influenced by the Corvette Stingray and the 1963 Buick Riviera. Other changes that year were substantial and the timing couldn't have been better. In 1965, attorney and consumer protection advocate, Ralph Nader, published his scathing book on the US automobile industry, "Unsafe at Any Speed". The first chapter highlighted the earlier Corvair models which were known to oversteer as a result of the swing arm suspension design and the lack of an anti-sway bar. The book propelled Nader to the national stage and is credited as being a catalyst of the National Traffic and Motor Safety Vehicle Act in 1966. Unfortunately, though many of the criticisms of the book's first chapter specifically about the Corvair were addressed in the 1965 model, Corvair sales fell from 220,000 in 1965 to 109,880 in 1966. By 1968 production fell to 14,800.



In dash air conditioning, telescoping steering wheel, AM/FM stereo were a few of the upgrades made available in the 1965 Chevy Corvair Monza.

Improvements in the 1965 year included a new fully independent suspension, similar to the Corvette, an improved heater system, larger brakes (borrowed from the muscly Chevelle), a stronger differential ring gear, Delcotron alternator (replacing the generator), and significant chassis refinements. Other new options for the 1965 model year included many of those noted in this car's description, mainly the AM/FM stereo radio, "in-dash" all-weather air conditioning, telescopic steering column, and a special purpose chassis ("Z17") handling package which included a special performance suspension and quick ratio steering box. The changes in 1965 were so inspiring that Car and Driver magazine's David E. Davis Jr. showed magazine love for the 1965 Corvair in their October 1964 issue stating:

"And it is here too, that we have to go on record and say that the Corvair is — in our opinion — the most important new car of the entire crop of '65 models, and the most beautiful car to appear in this country since before World War II."

When the car was announced at Cars and Coffee Las Vegas as winner of the Members' Choice "Car of the Week", enthusiasts from throughout the show showed similar enthusiasm, jockeying to get an up-close glimpse and to discuss the car with the owner. There were a number of

comments related to its horizontal condenser, the lack of an engine oil leak (something the 110HP air cooled Corvair engine appears to be famous for), and the fact that it had an AM/FM stereo as well as the in-dash A/C. Its all-original condition was reviewed by a number of the show attendees, seemingly passing by any skeptic rather quickly. During conversations I overheard Bob state that people have mentioned alterations he should make to the car – chrome this, change that, etc., to which Bob’s standard reply is that his desire is to keep the car 100% original.



Civitan Car Club Member, Tom Schnitker’s, 1963 Chevy Corvair

To Bob, Civitan Car Club Las Vegas says thanks for sharing your car with us during Cars and Coffee Las Vegas. It was great to connect, to get to know you a bit, and to hear of your passion about this venerable American classic. We’ll look forward to seeing your other cars in Vegas after they complete their circuits in California.

Oh, and be on the lookout for the Schnitker Corvair to debut soon at a Cars and Coffee Las Vegas or other local car show event. The car is being transported from Florida to Las Vegas and is due to arrive at some point in September. Tom is now the car’s full-time caretaker and, though he and his dad have replaced the engine twice in its nearly 50 years of being in their family, he’s hoping any repairs needed now will be minimal and that his own young family will soon be making their own drive to the local Dairy Queen. I guess some things still can be simple even in this complex world we live in today. Ice cream anyone?



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Sept. 6, 2014: Findlay Fall Classic Car Show in

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Church Classic Car Show - 875 E. Washburn Rd., No.

L.V. - Call 702-384-6960 - \$25.00.

Sept. 20, 2014: Brian Head Resort, B.H., Utah -

"Rocktoberfest" Car Show & Festival - Call 866-930-

1010, Ext. 223 - \$10.00.

Sept. 20, 2014: 7th. Annual Gaudin Ford/Barrett-Jackson

Cruise-In Show in Henderson, NV. - Call Laurel @ 702-558-

8051 - \$20.00 for Autism.

Sept. 27, 2014: 17th. Annual Red Rocks Car Show,

City Park, Santa Clara, UT. - Call Murray @ 435-680-

8012 - \$30.00/\$35.00.

Sept. 27, 2014: 18th. Annual Wurst Fest Car Show -

Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, NV. - Call 702-373-3745 -

Internet info. at www.bcsr.org - \$0.00(?).

Sept. 26-27, 2014: NASCAR Truck Races - LVMS, L.V.,

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Sept. 26 & 27, 2014: Russo-Steele Car Auction - At the

Tropicana Casino - Call casino for details.

Sept. 25-27, 2014: Barrett-Jackson Car Auction - At the

Mandalay Casino - Call casino for details.

Oct. 11-12, 2014: Red Bull Air Races - Inside LVMS

infield!!! - Internet contact @ www.redbullairrace.com.

Oct. 12, 2014: Sun City/Summerlin 25th. Anniv. Car

Show - 10360 Sun City Blvd., L.V., NV. - Call Jerry @

702-489-3305 - Only 25 years or older - \$0.00(?)

Oct. 18, 2014: Los Prados "Dust Devils" Car Show,

Lone Mtn. Rd., L.V., NV. - Call Mike @ 702-658-7828 or

Harry @ 702-395-6992 - \$25.00 for LOCAL charities.

Oct. 25, 2014: - Veteran Motor Car Club of America

"High Rollers" 8th. Annual Show & Shine @ Jim Marsh

Kia/Mitsubishi - Centennial Pkwy, L.V., NV. - Call John

@ 702-523-2940 - \$10.00 for autism treatment.

Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2014: NHRA Fall (Toyota) Nationals

@ The Strip At LVMS, L.V., NV. - Many price packages

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Nov. 4-7, 2014: Specialty Equipment Marketing

**Association (SEMA) - @ Four locations in Las Vegas -
yup, it's huge - must be a SEMA member (not all that
expensive) or be in a special car club - outside exhibits
(many) are free.**

Nov. 8, 2014: Vegas Valley Vettes "Turkey Shoot" Car

**Show - Clark County Shooting Complex - 11357 No.
Decatur, L.V., NV. - Call 702-455-2002 - \$25.00.**

Nov. 22, 2014: Findlay Chevrolet Thanksgiving Car

**Show - I-215 & Rainbow Blvd., L.V., NV. - Call 702-643-
0000 or 702-992-4000 - \$0.00(?).**

- - - - Show off your ride, Dirty Harry

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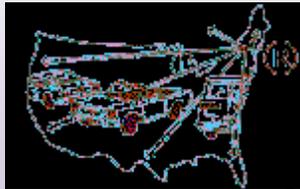
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