

# Fanbelt Flyer

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## Letter From The Editor – *Braden Pastore*

It looks like I might have something to write about this month. The Club held its annual Arizona Corvair Cruise-In at the Pavilions in Scottsdale on March 1 and I'm gonna go out on a limb and say that it was a success.

We had 30 'vairs in attendance this year in almost every configuration possible. Early and Late models, Rampsides and Greenbriars, Corsas, Monzas and Spyderys, Hardtops, Convertibles—even a couple of V8s made this event a treat for car enthusiasts and casual browsers who were attending the ballgame next door.

We had ample sunshine and maybe more than enough wind throughout the day. We managed to overcome an early mixup where we weren't given the real estate that we had been promised and eventually filled almost both sides of the area we had been given. The group traded Corvair stories and tips as the event progressed. We held a raffle in which all drivers were able to take home an automotive prize.

Special shout outs go to Dave and Cathy for organizing this extravaganza and to all the drivers that overcame the innumerable road closures to get to the event. I'll just say that Dave's recent adjustments to Duane's idle made *our* ride in a lot easier and kept Nancy from pedal-dancing in the dead stopped freeway traffic.

I'm gonna single out Bob C for the most heroic journey of the day. He made the maiden voyage in a recently restored Early model. He made the shakedown cruise all the way from the hinterlands of Apache Junction. A non functioning emergency brake was a major concern but Bob remedied that with some wheel chocks. A couple of Club members noticed a little bit of valve clatter when he arrived but he fixed that with a few quarts of oil. In Bob's defense he hasn't owned a Corvair for a number of years and that'll make you forget some of the things you have to have to watch out for when driving these beauties. On Duane's shakedown run I neglected to put my toolbox in the trunk. Let's just say that that led to a tale of galloping woe that is now a fond memory.

Bob's woes continued as he prepared to leave and his car wouldn't start. No lights, no horn—nothing. Of course we tried jumping him but it didn't help. Finally the group discovered that the wire that provides power to everything but the starter had come loose (actually, it pulled off in Dave's hand) and once that was taken care of Bob was able to leave. I'm happy to report that he made it home without further adventures. Thanks to all the members that helped him out. But of course isn't that what our Club is all about?

Speaking of that, I'd like to extend a welcome to all the members who signed up during the Cruise In or some of our events earlier in the year. If you'd like to use a fun way to introduce yourself to other club members email me at [cactuscorvairclub@gmail.com](mailto:cactuscorvairclub@gmail.com) and I'll send you the survey *6Cylinders/6Questions*.

**Arizona Corvair Cruise In – Continued**



*A pretty impressive showing*



*Some late arrivals*



*A wide variety of styles*



*A stunned public*



*Nobody went home empty handed*



*Duane attempts to give CPR*

## **Online Tech Session** – Braden Pastore

The Club dispensed with its usual business and used its monthly Zoom meeting as an open tech session. A number of topics were discussed and the general consensus was that this was a good use of our time. Dave is examining the feasibility of posting some of the content online. Our next meeting will be on April 1 and follow the more traditional meeting format with a scripted tech topic.

## **2025 Chevy Showdown** – Braden Pastore

The Tuscon club has invited us to attend this show in Sahuarita on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Some Club members have expressed an interest in this show and Dave W is arranging a caravan to the event. You can contact Dave W at [dave@rcaz.com](mailto:dave@rcaz.com) if you're interested in joining it. The entry fee is 25 dollars. Further information can be found on the [Club Calendar](#).

## **Concours In The Hills** – Braden Pastore

Ladies and gentlemen, we have a rain date! The event will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration has reopened due to some cancellations. The 75 dollar entry fee can be taken as a credit if you have any Arizona tax liability. The registration form appears on their [website](#). The Club will be meeting at the Wendy's parking lot on Shea Boulevard at 7AM the morning of the show so that we can ride in and park together. Details are on the [Club Calendar](#).



## **Sick Of Seeing My Name Over And Over? So Am I** – Braden Pastore

If you've got a little nugget of wisdom, a short story, a tall tale or even a (gasp!) Corvair related poem you'd like to share with our group please send it (along with a crisp 20 dollar Clark's gift certificate) (just kidding) to [cactuscorvairclub@gmail.com](mailto:cactuscorvairclub@gmail.com) and I'll see what I can do to get it in the *Flyer*. Remember, it takes a village and I'm just another idiot.

OK, enough of my blithering. Let go straight to the last page...

The Waaaaay Back Page – Braden Pastore

This month we have a clipping from the *Arizona Republic* dated June 13, 1964. Apparently folks were taking their brand new, shiny daily drivers out to the track for a little fun.



If you read the second article in the highlighted area you can see that a man from Phoenix was racing his English Ford in California. It caught my eye because Nancy's first love, her first car, long before Duane, was an English Ford Cortina. And even back then serious racers were putting Chevy engines in their Fords :) (She still wishes she had that car, too!)