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Letter From The Editor – *Braden Pastore*

Did I say summers are a slow time for car clubs in Arizona?

We couldn't get Duane to pose for this illustration of the world's slowest things

We're trying to get Duane out for his weekly airing and Nancy is doing a pretty good job of making that happen. The difficulty factor has increased recently due to the Google Fiber installation in our neighborhood. They haven't actually done anything but they've put up their orange “No Parking” signs and they're really good about changing the date that says when they're actually gonna start doing the work

So that's been our Summer. Luckily, I've been bailed out this month by Linda C. Her report on the National Corsa Convention In Gettysburg will be this month's feature.

Send us an Article—Win CCC Swag! – *Braden Pastore*

As always, I'm begging Club members for content. You'll get something with the logo on it if you help. Dave W will take care those of you who help me out but you'll have to work out the logistics with him.

Gettysburg Convention – *By Linda C*

I flew into Cincinnati and met up with my twin sister a few days before we left for Gettysburg. My sister, her daughter, my niece and her boyfriend drove to the convention. My niece is a member of Corvair Club of Cincinnati and she and boyfriend towed her 1965 red convertible to the convention.

Sunday morning was a beautiful sunny day to start our drive to Gettysburg. We arrived that night to pick up our convention packets and check into the hotel which was about five miles from downtown Gettysburg. In the lobby, in addition to a Civil War cannon they displayed a 1964 green Corvair Monza 2 door convertible that was owned by John Glenn. The Corvair Preservation Foundation Proudly Presents “The John Glenn Corvair” created a great display with John Glenn sitting in his car, the vehicle registration form and history of the car. You can watch the restoration of “John Glenn Corvair” video on Corvair Society of America You Tube Channel.

The first American to orbit the planet had great taste in automobiles

Gettysburg Convention – *By Linda C*

Monday morning, my sister and I used a beautiful map provided in the guidebook to drive around looking for the best location to park the car to check out local sights, gift shops, restaurants, and museums. As we drove around, we found a monument engraved on both sides with a cannon on each side in front of old church. We were able to take pictures of train sitting in Lincoln Railroad Station.

Since my sister was driving, I noticed in the downtown area many older buildings on two lane streets. We were able to find a parking spot. The downtown area has got parking meters. It cost us four quarters to park for thirty minutes. As we walked around, we enjoyed the sights and picked up some souvenirs.

We noticed historical signs indicating “this is a Civil War Building July 1863”. I’m quoting the historical sign “Wills House Abraham Lincoln slept in this house November 18,1863 the night before his immortal address at the cemetery”. I hoped to look inside the Wills House where he was staying during his visit to Gettysburg, however, it was closed. We returned to hotel to check out the hospitality and vendor rooms.

After dinner, we walked around the Car Show, and I found my niece's car on display. A large crowd watched the many different types of valve covers that had entered the Valve Cover Races in the Presidential Foyer.

Tuesday morning, we could see the Concours cars being judged in the rain. You can see the light rain was not going to stop the judging of the cars. I took some pictures of the cars from the hotel overhang as we were waiting for our two-hour bus tour of the battlefield grounds. It was still raining as we climbed onto the bus.

Erik was a special tour guide with superior knowledge of the different battles and generals during the three days of fighting. His great great grandfather was from North Carolina, and he sustained a leg injury during a battle.

Erik asked our group if anyone understood why President Abraham Lincoln said these words in his Gettysburg Address. I’m quoting a portion of his speech “Four score and seven years our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation”. Any idea or reason why he used these words in his speech? Answer will be in next month’s Fanbelt Flyer newsletter.

We returned to our hotel to check out the hospitality and vendor rooms. The hospitality was raffling off over 30 baskets. Yes, my sister and I purchased some tickets. We dropped our tickets into the container for the raffle basket we would like to win.

It stopped raining and my niece drove the three of us to dinner in her Corvair with the top down. My sister and I sat in the back seat. My niece's boyfriend had to assist us in getting out of car. It has been a long time since I was in back seat of a Corvair. We enjoyed watching the people walking around and cars driving around the circle as we ate our dinner on the patio at the Blue and Gray restaurant. After dinner we walked around but we found the small businesses were closed for the night.

Gettysburg Convention – *By Linda C*

Yes, we saw many Corvairs driving around that night.

Wednesday morning, my sister and I planned to visit another area of town. We visited the Gettysburg Heritage Center with many interesting displays. Then we walked to the Gettysburg Diorama which is the largest diorama in the country. Before they started the presentation, we were able to walk around and look at all the miniature soldiers, buildings, trees, cannons on the diorama and other display items.

The program started in darkness. then a light shined on a small portion of the diorama and a voice talked about the battle and the general was displayed on the wall. It turned dark, then the light shined on another small portion of the diorama and the voice talked about the battle and the general was displayed on the wall. This repeated several times. It turned dark and the voice said it was end of the first day.

Red lights shined in the dark, indicating the troop fires. The second day started in the dark then light shined on another portion of the diorama and the voice talked about the battle and the general was displayed on the wall. It turned dark, the light shined on another small portion of the diorama and the voice talked about the battle and the general was displayed on the wall. However, the white lights were flashing, and you could hear the cannons firing. Like the first day, they repeated several times. It turned dark and voice said it was the end of the second day. Again, the red lights shined in the dark, indicating the troop fires.

Third day started in the dark like the previous days. The light shined on a portion of the diorama and the voice talked about the battle and the general was displayed on the wall. This repeated several times like the previous days. However, a group of white lights were flashing, and canon firing could be heard for many miles. As we were sitting in the room, they were re-creating the sound effects of very loud canon fire. The narrator said it was the end of the third day. Again, the red lights shined in the dark, indicating the troop fires.

General Robert E. Lee realized he lost the battle in the north. That night he marched his troops back to Virginia. Union and Confederate doctors plus Gettysburg population took care of so many wounded soldiers in their homes and churches.

We had lunch at the Lincoln Dinner. The inside and outside looked like an old-fashioned dinner you would see in the 1930’s and 1940’s movies. You could see the railroad track outside the diner window. The railroad station was a short distance from the diner. As we were paying for our lunch, a person notice our T-shirts and ask us why so many Corvairs were driving around town.

Our next stop was the Soldier’s National Cemetery. We walked the trail and took many pictures of the monuments.

We returned to the hotel and checked out the hospitality and vendor rooms. We checked the board to see if we had won anything.

Gettysburg Convention – *By Linda C*

Thursday morning, my sister and I drove to Lincoln Cemetery, however, we were unable to walk around since the gates were locked. I'm quoting information listed on historic sign "Established in 1867 by the Sons of Good Will for proper burial of Gettysburg's African American citizens and Civil War veterans. Some thirty members of the US Colored Troops are buried here, having been denied burial in the National Cemetery because of segregation policies". I was able to take a picture of the back of some headstones. This is a small cemetery.

Then we drove to Evergreen Cemetery with a sign at the entrance saying "no vehicles". We parked the car across the street and then walked along the beautiful cemetery path and took pictures of the different monuments. The Civil War markers were flat to the ground. Some were engraved with "unknown" abut otherwise with the soldier's name and the name of his regiment. Many of the headstones were behind the fences.

The sun has bleached out the veteran's information engraved on majority of the white headstones in front of the fences. However, I did find a few white headstones engraved in black lettering with veterans' information from World Ward I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. I also found Civil War veteran by name of William E. Miller who was Medal of Honor and died on December 10, 1919.

We also visited the National Military Park Museum. We returned to hotel and checked out hospitality and vendor rooms. We did not win any of the raffle baskets.

Friday, the Convention activities were winding down. We helped my niece and boyfriend load her Corvair on the trailer to be towed back home. Over two hundred and fifty people attended the Banquet that night. Beautiful plaques were awarded to the participants in the different activities. Our Cactus banner was one of many banners on display during the banquet. During the night it started raining so Saturday morning we were loading up our vehicles under the hotel large overhang. It rained on and off as drove back to my sister's condo.

We had a great time at the convention and visited many of the different historic sites in Gettysburg. Since we had limited time to visit the area, we were not able to see all the historic sites, tours and museums listed on the map and in the guidebook.

If you plan to visit Gettysburg in the future, it is important to request from destinationgettysburg.com to mail you the guidebook with beautiful maps listing the historic sites, tours, hotels, cemeteries, shops, and other information.

Next year's host hotel is Embassy Suites in Franklin, Tennessee, which is short distance from Nashville. A possible convention tour is Lane Auto Museum which has unique collection of interesting vehicles.

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That's it for this month, folks! Be sure to attend our August ZOOM meeting on Tuesday the 4th at 7 P.M. for updates on what will be happening in the fall, tech advice, and more! Until then, safe travels!