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Letter From The Editor – *Braden Pastore*

Well, it's not as dire as all that, but it ***does*** mean that we finally have an event to look forward to. I trust that everyone has weathered this brutally hot (or as we used to say back in New England “wicked hawt”) stretch we've been going through.

Better days are coming, so it might be time to venture out to the garage and check the coolant levels in your radiators (sorry, I'm just a little dizzy from the heat). We've almost made it through another summer and it'll be great to see some cars and actual people not on Zoom for a change.

Editor's note: Linda C wanted me to provide an answer to her trivia question from last month's *Flyer.* A score is another term for twenty, so 'four score and seven years ago' is 87 years which is the time between 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed, and the year Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address. So now you know.

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

Thanks to Linda for helping me out with last month's issue. 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.

6 Cylinders/6 Questions– *By Kris Sharp*

Another Editor's note: This feature is part of an of an occasional series that we run to try and get to know our club members a little bit better. It's obvious we all love Corvairs but it can be fun to learn how each of us contacted this affliction.

WHY??? (What's wrong with you?)

I went to a car show and met Dave with his awesome Greenbrier, I have always liked air-cooled stuff, mainly VW. Shortly after I went looking for a Greenbrier and ended up meeting [Scott] Tom and purchased one from him.

Dream car (doesn't have to be a Corvair)

VW Bay window high top with a weekender interior with a 2180cc engine.

Proudest automotive achievement. (can be a restoration, a McGyver-esque repair, a driving experience, a successful flat tire replacement, etc.)

When I rebuilt my first VW engine, since then I have rebuilt 6+ engines.

Where are you from and why are you here. (You can decline if you're currently in the witness protection program...)

Originally from Southern California but left shortly after getting married, lived in New Mexico for a few years and then settled in Arizona. I enjoy tinkering and putting old cars back on the road, I have two kids which keeps me pretty busy.

Favorite non-automotive activity (keep it clean)

Baseball, Sporting Clays or Swap Meets

Best sandwich (I stole this one from Stephen Colbert)

Miracle Mile - “The Combo” (Pastrami and Corned Beef)

Yet another Editor's note: Thanks for sharing. That sandwich sounds fantastic. I'll be bothering you for information on where to find it at our next meet up.

Save The Date – *By Braden Pastore*

We've reserved a spot for our annual picnic! After using the spectacular backdrop of Usery Mountain Regional Park for the past few years we've decided to give the West Siders a break and use a more central location.

This year we'll be using the Boat Dock Ramada at El Dorado Park in Scottsdale. The parking lot is at 7641 E Murray Lane in Scottsdale. We'll do our best to hold parking spaces for Club members.The event officially runs from 10 to 2 on Sunday, November 16, but chances are some of us will be there waaaaay earlier.

The event will catered by Chef Rob (who is back by popular demand). The menu is yet to be determined, but you know it'll be good. Club members are encouraged to bring drinks and desserts.

This may or may not be the ramada we've reserved. I couldn't find a verifiable ground level picture. Google maps shows that it's surrounded by water on three sides so it should be nice.

That's it for this month, folks! Be sure to attend our September ZOOM meeting on Tuesday the 1st at 7 P.M. for updates on what will be happening in the fall, tech advice, and more! Until then, stay cool!