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From the President's Garage - By David Dean

Happy Holidays! December is upon us already; oh, how the time flies! Since it's been so warm, I sometimes find it difficult to get caught up in the spirit of the season. Then I think of that famous song..."I'm dreaming of a white Christmas...." Perhaps one of the most famous songs of the season that captures the very essence of where we are. In fact, Irving Berlin was feeling exactly how we do when he penned the holiday classic. Legend has it that Berlin wrote *White Christmas* while lounging by the Catalina Pool at the Arizona Biltmore in January 1939. "He was sitting out here in the sun, which he liked to work in," said the Biltmore's Sarah Moran.

"He claimed it was vital to his work." The song, popularized by Bing Crosby in the 1942 film, *Holiday Inn*, which also starred Fred Astaire. *White Christmas* spent 11 weeks at #1 in 1942, and was Crosby's 29th #1 hit. By comparison, the Beatles only had 20 chart-topping songs. Selling an estimated 50 million copies, *White Christmas* was the bestselling single of all time for more than 50 years. The Holiday Inn hotel chain took its name from the movie - it wasn't founded until a decade later. Sam Phillips of Sun Records became an early investor in the chain long after selling Elvis Presley's contract to RCA in 1954.



Phoenicians may be dreaming of a white Christmas but that doesn't stop us from celebrating the season and capitalizing on the mild temperatures to get out and enjoy our cars. While we only have one official event in December, the Annual Christmas Party, December 9th, there will be other opportunities for us to gather with our cars more informally. Perhaps a breakfast or coffee run Saturday Dec. 23rd in Chandler; or a trip to the Pavilions Saturday night on the 9th; or even Christmas light cruise Friday night the 22nd. We are open to suggestions! If you are taking your Corvair somewhere during the season, please let me or Dave W know and we'll get it posted in the Arizona Corvair Gatherings facebook page or we'll broadcast it out over e-mail.

December is also an important month for our club as we continue our charity work at the Annual Christmas Party and contemplate updates to our bylaws. For the Christmas Party, we ask you bring a child's toy (price \$10-20) that we can donate to one of our local law enforcement agencies for distribution to children in need. We also ask you to bring a non-perishable food item(s) for donation to a local food pantry. As we celebrate the bounty of our blessings and fellowship with our Corvair family, we remember those that are less fortunate. As for the bylaws, these are posted on the website (and discussed later in the newsletter). We will be voting these proposed changes up or down at the January club meeting scheduled for the first week in the New Year (Jan 3, 2018) at Earnhardt Chevrolet in Chandler.





Speaking of the New Year, your board of directors are already planning a packed schedule of events and opportunities. In addition to our regular events, the Caliente Car Show in Florence (Feb 17), Catch-a-Wave show March 17, and Spring Picnic (April 7), we are continuing to look for West Side events like the Cruisin' to the Lakes Show on Goodyear (March 17th also) and other social occasions that will get our cars in front of people and continue to tell our stories.

Again, I invite you to join us Wednesday January 3rd at Earnhardt Chevrolet for our monthly meeting. We'll vote on the bylaws, finalize our Spring calendar, hear progress reports, have our usual tech talks, 50/50 raffle, and most importantly, gather around our cars before and afterwards. "May your days be merry and bright; And may all your Christmases be white!"

Happy motoring,
David "Doc" Dean

November 4, 2017 – Chevys-in-the-Park – Chandler, AZ.

Club members Miner F., Bill R. David D., Chris S., and Richard R., met up for the Chevys-in-the-Park car show the kicked off November. It was a terrific day with a gentle breeze, slight overcast, and nearly a50 or Chevrolet's finest classic and muscle car examples. Hosted by the Corvette Club of Arizona, there were plenty of Corvettes on hand from C1s through C7s. fortunately, Corvairs competed in their own class. Club members were joined by two other Corvairs for a total of seven. Organizers staged our cars in the near center of the field close to the main information table. This gave our cars a lot of good exposure. Congrats to club members Miner F and Bill R. for bringing home trophies.



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November 11, 2017 – COPs Classics & Customs Car & Bike Show – San Tan Valley, AZ.

It was a great day for a car show Saturday, November 11th at the American Leadership Academy in San Tan Valley. A field of nearly 300 entries participated in the 5th annual event. Club members Dave W. and Cathy, Chris S., Joe L., Miner F., and David D. made it out for the show that featured vendor booths, food trucks, noon flag presentation by the Pinal County Sheriff's Office color guard, a flyover by the Confederate Air Force, and lots of trophies! Congrats to Miner for taking home some gold hardware.



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Proposed New By-Laws - Highlights

Over the last year your board of directors have been working on revising and updating our club bylaws. Through conversations with club members, discussions at regular meetings, and well over a year of thoughtful review by board members, the proposed bylaws are ready for review and approval by the club members. Most of the changes and updates were to correct minor errors, spelling, and clarify ambiguous or outdated sections. Here are highlights of the changes:

- Membership applications are approved by a quorum of members at a regular meeting instead of 2/3 of the board of directors.
- Minors (members under the age of 18) may vote and hold office if they are 16 or older.
- The Honorary Member classification reworked into two categories: Lifetime and Honorary. A lifetime member is a person upon which the board of directors confers membership for outstanding service to the Club for life. Lifetime members can vote and hold office. They are not required to pay dues. An honorary member is a person upon whom the board of directors confers complimentary membership for outstanding service to the Club or other reasons deemed by the board of directors. Honorary members shall not be able to vote or hold office. They are not required to pay dues.
- The number of regular meetings was reduced from 10 to 9.
- Regular meetings require 10 members present for a quorum.
- The number of directors changed to 1 for every 20 members (instead of 10) and not less than four total. The term of service is now 2 years.
- The treasurer is no longer required to be bonded.
- The minimum event fee of \$2.50 removed. Event fees (if any) are set by the Board.

Please take time to review the bylaws at:

http://www.cactuscorvairclub.com/uploads/5/1/2/6/5126278/proposed_cactus_corvair_bylaws_-_v.2_dd.pdf

We will hold a “yea/nay” vote on these changes at the January 3rd meeting.



Cactus Corvair Club Meeting November 1, 2017 Secretary's Report by Dave W:

The meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President David Dean.

David mentioned the final game of the World Series was in the 4th inning and he would try to expedite the meeting so that members could enjoy watching the final innings of the game before it was over.

David welcomed guest Jeff M. who is searching for a 65-66 140 powered Corvair and is also looking to join the club.

Old Business

Motion made by Gary S., seconded by Bill R. to accept the October meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Members approved. Motion was made by Gary S. and seconded by Bill R. to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter. Ending balance of \$1970.80 was reported by Joe L. Motion was approved.

Show Reports

-David D., David W. and Joe L. reported on the 9th Annual All Corvair Anniversary Car Show. The event was a huge success with 22 Corvairs entered, hundreds of spectators and at least 5 Corvairs in the show with owners who were not club members. The club and show visitors donated a total of \$200 to the Ronald McDonald Charities. The club donated \$100 and our friends, the Caliente Clowns in Florence, donated \$25 towards the cause as well.

-David D., John H. and others commented on their experiences at the Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet in Palm Springs CA Oct 20-22. Most reported the show was enjoyable but there were some glitches with the banquet speaker and location. The number of Corvairs on display was up this year.

-Miner F. and Dave W. reported on the KFYI 13th Annual Classic Car Show @ Westgate in Glendale. This was a Trunk or Treat event for the kids along with a costume contest. Both Miner and Dave were disappointed with the number of vehicles entered as it appeared like it would be a much larger show. There were probably 175-200 cars at the event. Only two Corvairs were there and many spectators thanked us for showing up as they had not seen Corvairs before at this annual event. Miner was interviewed at length about his Rampside for a car show hosted by Cox Cable. The airing date for the show date is unknown at this time.

New Business

David D. reminded members about these upcoming shows.

Nov 4th Chevys in the Park Car Show in Chandler. Formerly the All Chevy Show at Earnhardt Chevrolet.

Nov 4th Kustom Kars for K9's and Katz in Chandler

Nov 11th 5th Annual COP's and Classics Car & Bike Show San Tan Valley.

Nov 11th Sanderson Ford Rockabilly Car Show in Glendale.

John H. showed off his embroidered shirt he had made at a company called "EmbroidMe" in Phoenix at 1645 E. Camelback Suite 103 in Phoenix. He wore a nice black cotton shirt with the pocket area having the new club logo neatly embroidered there. More details will be available on the website as soon as they are known. A motion was made to reimburse John for the one-time \$89 digitizing fee he paid to have the logo converted for stitching since the entire club would benefit from it. John said he did not expect to be reimbursed but the motion was seconded and members voted to approve it. John will give the receipt to Joe L. at the December Christmas party.

David D. asked all members to submit ideas to any officer or board member so we can make plans for our 2018 activities. He and John H. encouraged members to think of new ideas that would include driving our cars to events that we don't normally attend to bring some variety to the schedule. Suggestions included;

Annual Caliente Clowns Car Show Florence
All-Chevy Showdown Tucson
Cruzin' by the Lakes Goodyear
Catch-a-Wave Show Tempe
Annual Cactus Corvair Spring Picnic Scottsdale

David Dean reminded members of the club Christmas party coming up on Dec 9th at La Famiglia Restaurant in Mesa. SE corner of Dobson and Guadalupe. This will be our annual Toys-for-Tots event along with a food drive and the December meeting. The event will be held earlier in the day so we can show off our Corvairs and accommodate holiday schedules more easily. 11:30-2:00 is the scheduled time. Last minute details will be on the website and in the December newsletter. An elephant gift swap will be held for those who want to participate. It is not mandatory. If you wish, please bring a wrapped gift in the \$10-\$15 range. <http://www.lafamigliapizzanpasta.net/>

Joe L. discussed the bylaws update. Proposed changes will be sent to members for review and will also be on the website. Voting will be held at the January meeting. One main proposal is to divide the current "Honorary Member" distinction into two categories. If accepted, the new categories would be;

"Honorary Membership" for dignitaries or people we wish to recognize for special reasons (no voting rights and cannot serve as club officers).

"Lifetime Membership" for members who have gone above and beyond in service to our club (full voting rights and may serve as club officers).

Inductees to either Honorary or Lifetime membership positions would be approved by the Board of Directors.

A letter to our bank was signed and dated by all club officers and board members agreeing that President David Dean should be added as a signatory on the club checking account. Completed.

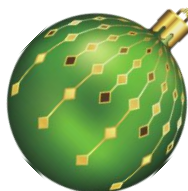
Tech Talk

Joe L. shared a story about accidentally finding a corroded fuel line while he was working under his 65 Corsa. He brought in pieces of the corroded tubing to show what can happen when rust wins the battle. Luckily it did not result in a fire. Joe also related that no matter how careful you think you are about re-assembling a powertrain, anyone can miss a simple part like an input shaft seal. Joe had to remove his engine and transmission a second time this year when the first attempt resulting in a trail of oil down the driveway. Lesson learned is that we all make mistakes. His second engine removal and re-install went much smoother than the first.

While discussing Joe's fuel leak John H. related that a Chevy Vega electric fuel pump can be used in a Corvair fuel tank so that might be a nice option to the usual mounting of an aftermarket pump on a frame rail or other area which spoils the OEM look on the underside and can also be noisy. More info:

https://murfy.us/doku.php?id=timtechcorvairwiki:09_fuelandexhaust_systems:electric_fuel_pump_for_the_corvair

David D. brought in an oil pan and showed how it needs to be flat and true between the bolt holes to prevent oil leaks with a new gasket install. Gary S. reminded us that the oil pan mating surface of the engine case should also be inspected. He said it can be roughened a little so the gasket gets a bite and doesn't get squeeze out so easily when tightened.



Nancy P. asked if anyone knew where to get a seat cushion repaired. It was suggested to try Urbina Upholstery in Mesa. The info is also on the club website "Links" page.

Guest Jeff M. showed photos of a 66 Corsa he is looking to purchase. Car was originally in Kingman but is now in Portland. Ha asked if anyone had a 65-66 Corsa or Monza with a 140 to contact him if it is for sale. Jeff used to own a 65 4-dr many years ago and want to get back into Corvairs.

The 50/50 winner was Nancy P.

Meeting was adjourned by David D. at 7:51.

Submitted by Dave Wenzlick

Treasurer's Report November 2017 by Joe Lewis

Beginning Balance as of	9/30/2017	\$1970.80
INCOME		
	50-50	44.00
	RENEWALS	105.00
	NEW MEMBER	
	DONATION	
EXPENSES		
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About Us:

While a salesman at Rudolph Chevrolet in Phoenix Arizona, Lou Grubb decided there were possibilities in an inexpensive, economy car produced by the Chevrolet Division, the Corvair. He sent letters to recent Corvair buyers and devotees alike inviting them to a social dedicated to appreciation of the car. With a promising response, discussion turned to organizing a new sports car club. With hasty planning, the first event was an economy run put together by a group of rookie enthusiasts who later became the first members of Cactus Corvair Club after its Constitution was signed in October 2, 1963. We are the oldest, continually active, Corvair club in the world!

As part of the Phoenix Chapter of CORSA (Corvair Society of America) we hosted our first regional mini-convention in April of 1976. People from all over the country came, with an estimated 90 cars and 150 people attendees. The event included autocross, a concours show, driving tour of the Valley of the Sun, and a "Fiesta banquet.

The Cactus Corvair Club hosts an annual All-Corvair show in early October, participates in classic car shows throughout the year (usually benefitting local charities), and supports classic car events, museums, and organizations dedicated to the preservation and public education of our automotive history. We are a community of car enthusiasts; all our events are family oriented and we are excited to meet you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 6	NO Regular Club Meeting!
December 9	Christmas Party – La Famiglia Italian Pizza & Pasta
11AM- 2PM	SE Corner Dobson and Guadalupe
January 3	Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet



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Monthly Meetings

*Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month
(except for June, July and August)*

*Location is at [Earnhardt Chevrolet 2121 N. Arizona Ave –
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*Meetings start at 7PM. Driving a Corvair is encouraged
but not required.*

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