

Fanbelt Flyer

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Corvair Club in the World!*

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From the President's Garage - By David Dean

Along with the end of the monsoon humidity and the summer's heat winding down, Corvair owners around the valley start bringing their cars out of storage and ready them for our beautiful car season. It's that time of year when we emerge from the garage to drive our shiny cars around and let the grubby-fingered masses appreciate our unique automotive heritage. I welcome this year's Corvair season and all the opportunities we'll have to gather together and enjoy the company our fellow Corvair enthusiasts.

Planning for this coming year has already started. Your hard-working officers, Jim, Dave W, Joe and board members, Gary, Miner, and John have planned a series of terrific opportunities all over the Phoenix metropolitan area to bring our cars to a wider public while we challenge our club members to push for greater recognition in the classic car community. While we will continue many of our traditional events (the Annual Corvair Show in October, the Fan-belt Toss in palm Springs, and annual charity drive Christmas Party); we've added some new venues and opportunities to our calendar reaching for nearly two events per month, in addition to our regular Wednesday club meetings. We also continue to expand our geographic reach to draw more members and enthusiasts from Scottsdale, Central Phoenix, and the West Valley. Please look at the Upcoming Events on the back page and mark your calendars!!

This summer has seen triumph and setbacks in my garage. My 1965 Coupe ended last year strong but ended up back in the garage for some minor work on the front suspension, new high-torque starter installed, and a concerted effort to reduce the oil puddle on the driveway. I am pleased to say the work has progressed well and she will be ready for the first car show upcoming September 23rd. My 1965 convertible spent a lot of time in the garage this summer. We replaced the leaking gas tank and cracked windshield with solid refurbished parts. We had the carburetors rebuilt and installed, brakes finally adjusted, and a repair made to the front trunk latch. She too should be ready for the upcoming season as I enjoy the originality of my little gem.



I remind everyone our first club meeting of the 2017-18 year will be Wednesday, September 6th at Earnhardt Chevrolet on Arizona Avenue, just north of Warner. We'll discuss the coming year's events and look forward to a report on the Annual Corsa Convention held in Kansas City, MO back in July. We'll also hear from other club members as they update us on the work they've done on their cars and some of the events and places they've visited since we last gathered. We'll also have our usual tech talks, 50/50 raffle, and most importantly, a beautiful desert sunset to show off our cars. I look forward to seeing you there!

Happy motoring,
David "Doc" Dean

Cactus Corvair Club Meeting May 3rd, 2017 Secretary's Report by Dave W:

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

Old Business

There were no corrections noted for the Secretary's Report printed in the May newsletter. Miner F made the motion to accept and Gary S seconded. The motion passed.

The Treasure's Report was read by Joe L. Ending balance was \$1940.80. Gary S motioned to accept, John H seconded. The motion passed.

David D delivered brief reports on April Corvair activity at the Tucson Chevy Showdown, the Cactus Corvair spring picnic and the Rodder's for Christ Charity Car and Bike Show. John H commented on their road trip to Cave Creek and Bartlett Lake in their 66 Corsa. Photos from some of these events are on the website.

New Business

No summer activities are planned but members were advised to watch the website and to check their email if we have an impromptu event come up. Next club meeting will be Sept 6th at 7 PM. Club officers plan to meet in mid-August to begin planning fall events.

David reminded everyone about the Tri-State Meet in Taos on June 2-4 and the CORSA Convention in Independence MO June 27-July 1st. Dave and Cathy W will be in Taos and Linda C will be attending the CORSA Convention.

Tech Topics

We learned that after the spring picnic several people had mechanical "bugs" while driving home. Ron B from Tucson had a loose nut on the alternator pulley. It fell in the "void of no return" under the harmonic balancer. He was lucky and got the car back on the road quickly after borrowing a small magnetic retriever stick from a local mechanic.

Joe L had his tachometer start acting up on the freeway. He has fixed it for now with a swapped part and will fix the original later. Joe related his battle with the headlight switch and that little spring loaded release button that we all have trouble accessing.

Open Topics

We welcomed a new member to the club who moved to Eloy from Chicago. Wayne and Mary M have a 66 Monza convertible. We also welcomed a guest that arrived with a 65 Corsa 180 turbo Coupe. James had done quite a few mods to the car including an electric cooling fan from Corvair Specialties and an upgraded carb. Without the wrap-around fan belt we are all used to seeing it was a slick setup. The alternator was rotated 90 degrees. Pics on the website.

David D brought in the busted trunk latch from Marian's 65 convertible. He showed how a broken spring had thwarted his efforts to open the truck since back in December. A slick little tool allowed him to swing the broken

latch out of the way enough that he could pop the trunk with a normal screwdriver and avoid going in through the headlight bucket (which he tried but too many bolts were stripped for that trick to work).

Hagerty Insurance Presentation

At the end of the meeting we had a presentation by insurance agents Russ Beyer and Clebe Best. They presented some interesting facts about Hagerty classic car insurance. They were an entertaining pair of gentlemen but they knew their coverages and were able to answer everyone's questions quickly. They passed out prizes to club members who could answer Corvair trivia questions correctly plus they had goodie bags for everyone at the meeting.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Joe L. The meeting closed @ 8:05 and many members went out to the parking lot to check out the nine Corvairs that made it to the meeting.

-Dave Wenzlick

Treasurer's Report Summer 2017 by Joe Lewis

Beginning Balance as of	5/31/2017	\$1976.80
INCOME		
	50-50	0
	RENEWALS	0
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In Case You Missed it..... Highlights from 2016-2017

All Corvair Show – Chandler AZ, AZ (October 1, 2017)



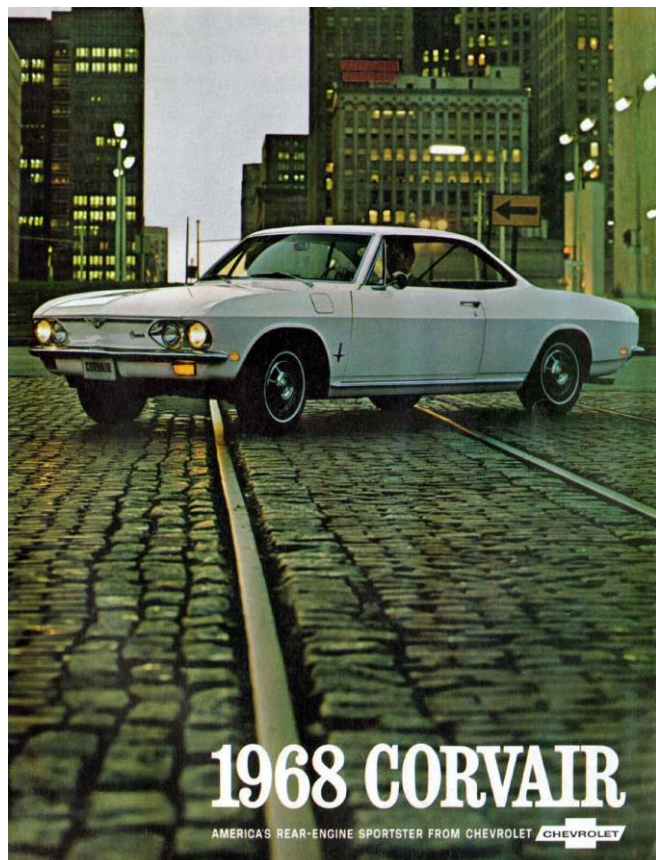
Just Clownin' Around - Caliente Clowns Car Show – Florence, AZ (March 4, 2017)



13th Annual Catch-a-Wave Car Show @Kiwanis Park (March 18, 2017)



Cruiz'n to the Lakes – Goodyear, AZ (March 25, 2017)**32nd Annual Chevy Showdown April 8th Tucson AZ. (April 8, 2017). --Dave W.****Cactus Corvair Club Annual Spring Picnic – Scottsdale, AZ (April 22, 2017).**



In 1968, General Motors drastically reduced production of the Corvair going into its final two years. In this year the four-door hardtop was discontinued, leaving three models—the 500, Monza Hardtop Coupes and the Monza Convertible. Air conditioning was dropped as an option, due to concerns about thermal loading added by the now-standard Air Injection Reactor ("smog pump") which probably hurt sales as factory air became more popular generally in automobiles. The GM multiplex stereo system was also discontinued when new units changed wiring adapters; the 9-pin connector in Corvairs would no longer fit the new units. Additional safety features, including side marker lights, and shoulder belts for closed models, were fitted per the federal government's requirements. Steering wheel for 500s was the same as the base Nova's, while Monzas got the same wheel as the Camaro. An Impala-style "Deluxe" steering wheel was optional. All advertising was virtually stopped and sales dropped to 15,400 units. This year's All Corvair Show October 14 at the Scottsdale Pavilions celebrates the 1968 Corvair.

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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.

Club Officers		Board Members:
President	David Dean dr.dean@cox.net	John Seamen
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Arizona Corvair Gatherings



CORSA Chapter
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 6	Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet
September 23	American Legion Post 35 Show – Chandler
October 4	Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet
October 14	All Corvair Show – Pavillions, Scottsdale
October 20-22	Great Western Fan Belt Toss – Palm Springs, CA
November 1	Regular Club Meeting - Earnhardt Chevrolet
November 4	Kustom Karz for K9s and Katz – Chandler
November 11	Cops & Classics, San Tan Valley
November 17-19	GoodGuys @Westworld, Scottsdale
November 28	Kool FM Classics Show – Glendale
December 9	Christmas Party – Details forthcoming
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 -
Chandler AZ 85225](#)*

*Meetings start at 7PM. Driving a Corvair is encouraged
but not required.*

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