

Fanbelt Flyer

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Oldest Continuous
Corvair Club in the World!*

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From the President's Garage - By David Dean

November is here, and our season is in full swing! It is hard to write an article "from the President's garage" when I've been fortunate over the past month to enjoy both of my cars out and about! Whether taking the convertible out for a date night, or caravanning over to the Biltmore on a Sunday morning, or gathering with our club at the pavilions, October was a spectacular month for getting our Corvairs out and on the roads. November should be even better!

I'd like to welcome John H. and Chris S. to the board/officers. I appreciate their willingness to work on making our club more visible, connected, and engaged. Without hesitation they are already looking for new opportunities for us to attend events, social media our activities, and reach out to new and potential enthusiasts and car owners. We will be planning our Spring calendar soon, so we'd love to hear some of your ideas for events, activities, tech sessions, and gatherings. Also, thank you to Joe, Dave W., Gary and Miner for staying on another year serving the club and continuing to support our endeavors. I really appreciate each of you and the talents, ideas, and skills you bring to the oldest continuous, and I say best, Corvair club in the World! Thank you too goes to Jim J and John S for their service to the club and the foundations they've laid as officers and club members that we build on every day.



Please look at the November calendar as we have several events coming early in the month. November 4th will have members attending the All Chevy Show in downtown Chandler as well as the Kars for K9s and Katz show. November 11, we will be attending the Cops & Classics show in San Tan Valley, then Goodguys in Scottsdale the following weekend, November 18. We will also look for other opportunities to get together such as the aircooledaz.com Cars-n-Coffee at the Biltmore,

November 5 or spending time informally going out for breakfast, or rolling up our sleeves and helping one another in the garage. Get connected via facebook to Arizona Corvair Gatherings for more of these impromptu opportunities.

Again, I invite you to join us Wednesday November 1st at Earnhardt Chevrolet for our monthly meeting. We'll also hear more about the Great Western Fanbelt Toss and the Westgate shows, progress reports, have our usual tech talks, 50/50 raffle, and most importantly, gather around our cars before and afterwards.

Happy motoring,
David "Doc" Dean

October 14, 2017 – 9th Annual Corvair Anniversary Show – Scottsdale, AZ.

Photos by Chuck R and Dave W.



With the weather remaining unseasonably warm, a change of venue, new time and date, and a bit of the unknown, this year's club-sponsored all Corvair show ventured into uncharted waters. A huge unknown was how well the show would be received amidst the back drop of the Rock and Roll Cruise-in held at the Scottsdale Pavillions every Saturday night. An event that draws some of the finest pre-1972 collector vehicles, muscle cars, motorcycles, and street rides in the valley. However, with twenty-one Corvairs, \$200 raised for charity, and hundreds of attendees - it is easy to declare the 9th Annual Corvair Anniversary Show a resounding success.

This year's show featured thirteen late model cars, eight earlys, one Greenbrier, two rampsides, eleven convertibles, a V8, and several four door examples. The variety was well-received by the hundreds of people that ventured over to share their appreciation for our cars. We also gathered names and contact information from six new individuals/families that expressed interest in joining the club or learning more about Corvairs. Balloting for this year's show fell into two main categories: Driver's Choice, voted on by show entry drivers and club members; and, People's Choice, sponsored by Earnhardt Chevrolet and voted on by the general public that visited the show. Congratulations to this year's show winners:

Driver's Choice – Early Model		Driver's Choice – Late Model	
1 st	1964 – Spyder Convertible – Daren V.	1 st	1965 Monza Coupe - David D.
2 nd	1963 Rampside – Miner F.	2 nd	1966 Corsa Turbo – Richard R.
3 rd	1963 – Monza Convertible – Roger B.	3 rd	1966 – Corsa Coupe – Bob M.
Earnhardt Chevrolet People's Choice Award - 1965 Monza Coupe - David D.			

Thank you to the sponsors of the 9th Annual Corvair Anniversary Show. O'Reilly's Auto Parts on 1135 E McKellips Road donated several buckets of goodies for door prizes, Clark's Corvair Parts sent some additional items and gift certificates, and Earnhardt Chevrolet in Chandler provided the trophy for the People's Choice Award. Also thank you to McDonalds at the Pavillions for hosting both the Rock and Roll Cruise-in each week, and sectioning off a



number of their front parking spaces so our cars could be shown together and visible to drivers on Indian Bend Road. Also, thanks to Miss Arizona Scholarship pageant contestants Jacqueline Thomas (Miss Grand Canyon) and Alex Pomroy (Miss Copper State teen) for coming to support the event. Finally, a huge thanks goes to club members Dave W. and Joe L. for their vision and hard work to pull this event together. We are already looking forward to next year's show!





October 20-22, 2017 – 40th Annual Great Western Fanbelt Toss & Swap Meet – Palm Springs, CA.

Your Cactus Corvair Club was well-represented this year at the 40th Annual Great Western Fanbelt Toss & Swap Meet in Palm Springs California. Hosted by the Inland Empire Corvair Club, this year's events included field raffles, Fanbelt Toss games, a People's Choice Car Show, and Saturday Night Banquet. Club Members Jim and Loretta J, Bob and Diane R., John and Kristen H., Joe, L and David and Marian D. made the trek across the desert to join old friends and make new ones at Sunrise Park. The featured raffle was a bright yellow 1963 Monza Convertible 140/4spd! Jim was disappointed to learn Mark and Sarah from Benning CA won the car. There were some excellent examples of both early and late model cars on the People's Choice field.



Cactus Corvair Club Meeting October 4, 2017 Secretary's Report by Dave W:

The meeting called to order at 7:01 by President David Dean.

Welcome to long time club member Vic Howard from Fort Mohave, AZ who was in town and able to make his first club meeting in over 20 years.

Old Business

Motion made by Gary S., seconded by Miner F. to accept meeting minutes as published. Members approved. Motion made by Gary S. and seconded by Jim J. to accept the Treasurer's Report as published. Ending balance of \$1995.80 was reported by David Dean since Joe L. was away on vacation. Motion was approved.

David Dean reminded members of upcoming events on our calendar. More specific details are on the website

- Oct 14th 9th Annual All Corvair Anniversary Car Show at the Scottsdale Pavilions near Indian Bend Rd. and 101 freeway. 4 PM setup. Show from 5-8. Awards for People's Choice plus 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both early and late classes.
- Oct 20-22 Great Western Fan Belt Toss and Swap Meet in Palm Springs CA. John H. offered to assist with ordering parts from Clark's Corvair at the event.
- Oct 28th KFYI 13th Annual Classic Car Show @ Westgate in Glendale. 70 classes to enter. Trunk or Treat for the kids plus costume contest.
- Nov 4th Chevys in the Park Car Show in Chandler. Formerly the All Chevy Show at Earnhardt Chevrolet.
- Nov 11th 5th Annual COP's and Classics Car & Bike Show San Tan Valley.
- Nov 11th Sanderson Ford Rockabilly Car Show in Glendale.

David Dean reported on the American Legion Post 35 Car Show attended by David, Joe L., Chris S. and Richard R. 105 cars at the show with lots of food and drink. Entrants received a free BBQ sandwich lunch. 50/50 winner won over \$300. The post is also beginning a fish fry event on Friday nights.

New Business

David W. invited members to the aircooledaz.com Cars-n-Coffee event on Oct 8th. Mostly VW and Porsche vehicle but all air-cooled cars are welcome to visit. Past club member John Priddy is schedule to be there with his restored Devin C.

John H. presented his plans to form a Friday night cruise-in event near Biltmore Fashion Park. Local businesses are in agreement with the idea and John hopes to have an event formed by November that would occur every Friday night between 6-9 PM. More details will be announced and he asked for support if you can attend in your Corvair occasionally. He and David Dean both mentioned that many classic car clubs have dwindling membership numbers and that anything we can do to involve more enthusiasts, especially younger owners, will benefit everyone.

Dave W. related his visit to Indianapolis in September to the Circle City Corvair Car Show. The show was very well attended with more F/C's than any other class. He brought back some colorful T-shirts for use as door prizes and the Oct Corvair show. Dave was the newsletter editor of Circle City Corvairs for many years before moving to Arizona so he got to see many old friends.

Club officer elections took place at the October meeting. Last minute nominations were received for two positions. John H. was nominated and accepted to run for Vice President and John S. was nominated and accepted to run for President. Voting results:

President -David Dean
Vice President -John H.

Treasurer -Joe L.
Secretary -Dave W.

Board Members - Miner F., Gary S.
and Chris S.

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 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. More details will be on the website and in the newsletter. <http://www.lafamigliapizzanpasta.net/>

Tech Talk

Gary S. brought in his "BIGFOOT" valve cover racer for members to see. It looked ready for some off-road action but Gary assured us it stayed on the track when he raced it.

Linda C. asked if anyone else had seen the Farmer's Insurance TV ad that showed a Corvair catching fire during a parade. We all groaned that a major TV ad is reinforcing the belief that Corvairs are unsafe.

John H. related his idea for a club event after a recent trip to Prescott in his Corsa inspired him. He wondered if there was an opportunity to have a club event where we all drove our Corvairs together to a casino show, movie, concert, etc. as yet another way to involve more people and add some variety to our club events. He is looking for ways to build our Corvair community in Arizona.

The 50/50 winner was outgoing club VP Jim J.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56

Submitted by Dave Wenzlick

Treasurer's Report October 2017 by Joe Lewis

Beginning Balance as of	9/30/2017	\$1995.80
INCOME		
	50-50	
	RENEWALS	15.00
	NEW MEMBER	60.00
	DONATION	100.00
		\$175.00
EXPENSES		
	Ronald McDonald House	(200.00)
ENDING BALANCE	9/30/2017	\$1970.80
PENDING CHECKS		
Pending Deposits		
BOOK BALANCE	10/31/2017	\$1970.80

What's My Car Worth?

Recently at the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction in Las Vegas, this 1965 Corvair Monza 110hp, Powerglide with 54,000 original miles sold for a whopping \$25,300 (including auction fees). According to the description, this is a garage-kept Oregon car having been through a complete nut-and-bolt restoration. The engine and transmission have been completely resealed, and the interior is a blend of factory original and new. The body was sealed with PPG DP Epoxy primer and painted with DBC General Motors Victory Red base coat and PPG 2002 clear. According to the seller, the original trim has been straightened and polished.

Custom modifications include a lowered stance with staggered rims and tires, front Camaro chin spoiler, custom dual exhaust, custom sound system featuring stock-looking radio, Italian air horns and a LeMans-style racing fuel cap.



On the other hand, this 1964 Convertible Monza, Powerglide, sold for only \$8250. This nearly original early model shows with an AM radio, bucket seats and optional full wheel spoke covers, new Monza chrome rocker and wheel openings moldings for 1964.



Corvair prices are on the rise; but as the Barrett-Jackson auction shows, they remain all over the place. According to Haggerty Insurance Valuation data, a 1964 Convertible Monza Powerglide in the auction advertised condition comes in conservatively between \$7,000 and \$12,000 (Fair to Good condition). The 1965 Monza advertised, considering the modifications, should fall in the same price range. Public auctions are a relatively small percentage of

collector car transactions (less than 20%, in fact); yet, their visibility provides a great opportunity to consider vehicle values. Haggerty valuation metrics considers both small- and large-scale activity, on-site vehicle inspections and third party data from auctions. Additionally, they factor in dealer sales (approximately 12% of

transactions), and peer-to-peer sales that constitute the overwhelming majority of the collector car marketplace (71.5%, to be exact) where transactional data can be aggregated from a vast network of insured clients. For more information on what your car may be worth, visit

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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:

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
December 6	NO Regular Club Meeting!
December 9 11AM- 2PM	Christmas Party – La Familia Italian Pizza & Pasta SE Corner Dobson and Baseline
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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